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Shanghai, To-day.

Only a few days after their return from Hong Kong, the Seaforth Highlanders were involved in their first incident with the Japanese yesterday. This time a Chinese police constable, acting as mediator and interpreter, came to the rescue of both parties.

The argument between the Japanese and Seaforth sentries on the Garden Bridge arose, it is understood, over regulation of traffic.

The Japanese stated that the Seaforths were hampering them in checking all vehicles entering Hongkew. Neither party could make the other understand what they were saying, with the result that there was some feeling and much gesticulating.

A Chinese constable understanding English and Japanese soon fixed up the quarrel, and smiles shortly replaced frowns as the difficulties melted away.—Reuter.

**COUNTING  
THEIR  
CHICKENS**

Shanghai, To-day.

Indicative of Japanese confidence of successfully invading South China and taking Canton are reports circulated here that the Consulate Staff for Canton has already been nominated.

The reports originated in Japanese circles and the names of the future Consul-General and Consul for Japan in Kwangtung and members of the Consulate Staff are

**Governor's Warning  
To Colony**

A statement on the effects on Hong Kong of the hostilities in South China, was made in Legislative Council this morning by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

Sir Geoffrey referred to the problems of food supply and refugees, and to the effect of the war on the Colony's revenue and commerce.

His Excellency said:

"The outbreak of hostilities so close to its border is of course a matter of grave and regretful concern for this Colony. Three quarters of our fresh vegetable and a large proportion of our fresh meat supplies come from that province.

**HEAVY LOSSES**

Secondly, the Colony must face the prospect of an additional serious refugee problem arising from this invasion: as Honourable Members are no doubt aware, certain steps are being taken to cope with that eventuality: these together with the Military and Police precautions which are necessary in such circumstances will entail heavy charges upon the Colony's funds.

"Again, the interruption of Hong Kong's long-established trade with China will bring heavy losses upon the revenue and upon commerce.

**GOOD SENSE AND DIGNITY**

"I need not mention the many other ways in which this Colony will or may be adversely affected.

"I am confident, however, that the citizens of Hong Kong will face these new difficulties with good sense and dignity, relying upon the British Government to do all in its power to protect their interests.

also suggested in reliable quarters. These Japanese officials, it is said, are making preparations to depart on instructions from Tokyo. —Our Own Correspondent.

(Continued from next column) ment with the troops operating from Bias Bay.

Meanwhile, Reuter reports that heavy gunfire was audible in Swatow last night from the direction of Hope Bay, a Chinese despatch stating that an attempted Japanese landing was repulsed.

Swatow was visited twice this morning by a seaplane, but no bombs were dropped and the populace remains calm.

**Gigantic  
Pincer  
Movement**

WHILE THE JAPANESE TROOPS ADVANCING ON WAICHOW FROM BIAS BAY ARE REPORTED TO BE MEETING WITH INCREASING RESISTANCE, OTHER LANDINGS ARE BELIEVED TO BE TAKING PLACE NORTH OF BIAS BAY.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Japanese are putting troops ashore in Haimun Bay and Haichechin Bay in order to attack Waichow from the North and East.

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# What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Love perhaps will be a very important factor in your affairs this day. Maternal, paternal or a natural affection is apt to influence some action, or decision very favourably and is likely to be responsible for much of this days happiness. Your personal affairs require promptness and dispatch, for procrastination is the danger that seems likely to interfere with some of your lines of procedure, relating to a social or business undertaking. Written directions can save both time and trouble, because forgetfulness will be a rather prevailing trait. You may discover the average person's sense of direction is likely to be decidedly faulty, so in asking or directing the way to a specified place, be careful that the information is

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correct. The prospects for business, as a whole, appear to be bright, with many encouraging signs that there will be plenty of money in circulation. Married and engaged couples, and those hoping to see their matrimonial dreams come true, must avoid any kind of grumbling this day, if quarrels are to be avoided.

If a woman and October 13 is your birthday, you should have a fine sense of justice and a gift for making excellent decisions. Being discriminating, you may win a reputation for being artistic. You probably very broad-minded, free of prejudices, and methodical in your work. You may be inclined to count your pennies, for thriftiness is apt to be almost an obsession. You ought to be very fond of good food especially sweetmeats. Your social graces may cause you to be very popular and a leader in your set. Among the activities which should assure you a bright future are teaching, radio work, lecturing, writing, stenography, accounting and selling. You ought to possess every qualification required to make your married life a complete success.

## Witty Kitty



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## GIRLIGAGS



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"Opportunity doesn't give a rap," says dubious Dot, "for most of us."

## Longer Skirts For Dinner Gowns

Dinner wear outlines can be divided into two categories. One is formal and full length; the other informal and short.

When the occasion is important, the longer style is adopted.

Skirts are invariably narrow, and centre, front or one-side opening occurs. In some instances these openings proceed from slight wrap-over movements. Bruyere, for example, carries this idea just round one hip, where self-toned soutache makes an ornament from which hang long tie strings. It is one of this designer's hooded dinner-gowns of purple crepe. They are of unbroken svelte line, with sometimes slight trains, but long sleeves and high tops on to which plain-coloured or embroidered hoods are welded as part of the gown to slip on or off the head.

Spangled sweater tops for dinner-gowns are the new idea from Mainbocher. They are worn tucked in under or gripped tightly round hips over heavy black crepe or fine black cloth skirts. Sweaters of black jersey cloth are usually sleeveless, and show spangles mixed with matching coloured jewels in bright green or red. These glistening motifs are threaded in sparse and dense lines downwards. Whether the jacket completing an outline is "box" shaped or tailored on classic lines, sequin embroidered collars are nearly always favoured.

### GREEN AND BLACK

There is one black cloth outline with tailored jacket closed up to the neck by bright jade green buttons. Green spangles show on a black sweater worn beneath, and matching green satin gloves go with it. Mainbocher stresses these items to correspond with handbags in contrasting fabrics and colours for black evening gowns. They pair off in a host of different coloured laces, velvet, plain and broche satin.

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Gracious dinner gown of black lace with front coverage of rose coloured moire silk, for more informal evenings at home.



# Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

## LOTTE LEHMANN, WORLD-FAMOUS SOPRANO, CREDITS SUCCESS TO SANE LIVING SCHEDULE

Discouraged mature women frequently make the excuse that a day too full of duties or a life lacking inspiration have caused them to "give up" and let life pass them by.

I wonder what the thousands of these complaining women would say if they could follow Madame Lotte Lehmann for just one week! This famous artist of the Metropolitan Opera Company is a wife, mother to three grown sons, and has an all too demanding career on her hands. Besides these, she finds time for swimming, riding, walking, constant practicing, writing of poetry and books, and maintains interest in numerous persons and other things.

How does she do it? The secret is simply that she plans exactly how each hour is to be spent and adheres to a daily schedule. There are no wasted hours in this woman's life. No indeed, for Mme. Lehmann is not content to only re-create great roles on the operatic stage. She has always felt a driving desire to create something entirely her own. A book, a poem, redecorating a room, or something.

### STRONG VITALITY AN ASSET

Mme. Lehmann gives much credit for her success to the radiant vitality which helped her through the early discouragement of her career. She begins her day with a dip before breakfast in a pool or ocean. Or if she is in a city, with a brisk walk through a park. She advises every woman to indulge wholeheartedly in at least one type of outdoor sport as a source of fun as well as of health. If a woman is denied such an opportunity she should then resort to corrective exercises within her own home. A "daily dozen" to keep her circulation up to par.

### ONLY A PART

However, exercise is only a part of Mme. Lehmann's health routine. Diet is also considered. But the gaiety of her character, and the demands of her work, prevent her from taking calories too seriously. Common sense, she claims, does more for the figure than popular diets, and her system is a very simple one. She substitutes citrus fruits for rich desserts and never eats a thing between meals.

"Utilize every available moment for doing something worth while," is her motto, and she practices what she preaches. "Midway In My Song," her recent book, was written "in the midst of the most hectic days, aboard a train or a boat just before a concert or right after a performance when I was too keyed up to go to sleep!"

### SELF EXPRESSION

"Every woman who desires to keep young and in the swim of things

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Spangles mix with wool for winter. So do gold kid embroideries applied to Vionnet's long-sleeved, short-yoked bolero. It is additional to an entirely different type of dinner gown, and in white and gold for occasional wear with a svelte unbelted model of dark purple cloth. This is a sleeveless gown, but shoulder points are cupped by the cloth being wrought out from a slightly draped high neck line.

### BROADCLOTH

The introduction of broadcloth is an interesting facet of winter dinner gowns. Vionnet favors the bolero and closed elbow jacket in black cloth next to a long slender skirt of misty surface lacy, blue, purple and raspberry red. Another broadcloth in amethyst broadcloth is a gown with a black broadcloth skirt of frayed persuasion and a silver lame blouse.

should find some source of self-expression. It does not have to be writing, or singing, or acting. In whatever field your talents lie, develop them. The mere joy of creating will help maintain the youthfulness which every woman desires!"

Thus the greatest lieder singer of our day has earned her most enviable position. And she is not lacking in a warm, gracious sympathy and zestful interest in people, affairs and new experiences.



Besides being a famous opera singer, wife and mother to three grown sons, Mme. Lotte Lehmann finds time for swimming, riding, walking, constant practicing and maintains interest in numerous other things.



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# IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY HOUSING COMMISSION

Important recommendations are made in the Report of the Housing Commission, issued to-day. Main points in the Report are the recommending of a permanent Town Planning and Housing Committee, the advice of an expert from England and “settlements” in the slum areas.

The Report says, in part:—

We have met with some difficulty in reaching an agreement among ourselves in the matter of making definite recommendations, and have been obliged, after much discussion, to abandon our original intention of dealing with our subject in detail, and to substitute proposals which amount, in the main, to a recommendation that the problem be approached *ab initio* by experts who have made a special study of such matters as Town Planning, Housing and Slum Clearance. The most that we feel ourselves qualified to do is to suggest the directions in which this approach should be made.

## T. B.

We have not thought it worth while to burden this report which a discussion of the relationship between overcrowding and tuberculosis, and, indeed, many other contagious and infectious disease. The facts do not admit of controversy and may, we feel, be taken for granted.

Hong Kong is a powerful magnet drawing to itself not only the seekers after work but hangers-on and parasites of all kinds. The struggle for existence is very severe. It is only too common, especially amongst unskilled labourers, to find three men doing the work of one and sharing remuneration which might be adequate for one but is certainly insufficient for three; while the regular employee is fortunate if he is not maintaining a number of relatives out of his earnings.

The system of contracting and sub-contracting is often carried to extreme lengths, and results, in many instances, in the inability of the final sub-contractor to pay even the low wages on which he has based his contract.

## BLACKMAIL

Still more reprehensible is the system by which individuals or organisations levy commission in return for introduction to employment, or exact blackmail in the guise of “fees for protection against competition.”

Conceivably the various systems by which the proceeds of every piece of work tend to filter through to the largest possible number of individuals might be regarded as an elementary form of practical socialism, without which the even more serious problem of complete unemployment of a large part of the population would have to be faced. We believe that there is no escape from one problem or the other so long as an enormous reservoir of population exists at our door, unless it is a remedy which presents very serious difficulties, namely, restriction of immigration.

## BETTER HOUSES

For these reasons we do not believe that any measures which can reasonably be taken can, in the immediate future, have any noticeable effect on the problem of overcrowding, the problem which we were primarily appointed to consider. We consider,

however, that some action is possible which, even if it will not altogether put a stop to overcrowding may eventually reduce its proportions and at least would improve the hygienic conditions of premises, even though they be overcrowded.

To reduce overcrowding and permit the law to be enforced it is essential (a) to provide more and better designed houses until sufficient accommodation is available, (b) to decentralise the population, (c) to reduce building density.

Decentralisation cannot be achieved unless means of livelihood are provided within easy reach of new housing areas.

The provision of adequate housing for the poorer classes cannot be left to private enterprise unassisted. If the housing is to conform to acceptable standards the return on capital will not be sufficient to attract private enterprise; to put it another way, the return on capital normally expected by private enterprise can only be achieved by overcrowding in houses which are below acceptable standards. If new and improved housing be provided for these classes, it will be necessary to ensure supervision and provide social services on lines similar to those adopted in many European countries.

## SLUM CLEARANCE

Slum clearance envisages reduced building density and reduced population density, and in consequence a large number of the present population will eventually have to be housed elsewhere. This accommodation must be available before slum clearance can be commenced.

Before the actual clearance of slums can be undertaken, it will be necessary to prepare a survey of local industry and housing, each in relation to the other; to prepare a survey of existing buildings, particularly houses, in order to find the number and situation of those which do not conform to acceptable standards; to prepare a key plan as a guide to redevelopment as opportunity occurs; to survey sites and prepare plans for possible new developments; and to prepare legislation and devise machinery necessary to give effect to town planning and housing schemes. This preparatory work and eventual constructional work will take many years and some form of permanent authority will be necessary to organize, carry out and control such an undertaking.

## PARKS

It is desirable that, in order to combat the evil effects of overcrowding, parks should be provided. It is not suggested that these parks should be laid out and equipped for organized games, but that they should simply be open spaces in which the population can enjoy fresh air. They should be in or close to the congested areas and should be large enough to ensure that the air is purer than in the neighbouring streets. The provision

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# Battle On Outskirts Of Sinyang

Hankow, To-day.

A Chinese military communique states that "fighting is going on on the outskirts of Sinyang." Peiping-Hankow Railway circles report that Liuling Station, south of Sinyang, was recaptured by Chinese troops at 3 p.m. yesterday and also that Chinese troops are at present launching a counter-offensive against the Japanese in the vicinity of Sinyang, one Chinese column attempting to attack the rear of the Japanese troops east of Sinyang.

General opinion, however, is that it is more likely that the Chinese forces will withdraw into the mountains west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway where the Chinese erected a strong defence line months ago when the Japanese were pushing towards Chengchow along the Lung-hai Railway, following the fall of Hsuehchow.

## ANOTHER LANDING

The Japanese forces at noon yesterday, landed at Weayunkou, on the south bank of the Yangtse below Huangshihkang but were repulsed by Chinese troops.

The Japanese made another attempt to land later in the day, according to a Chinese military communique.

One large Japanese transport loaded ammunition yesterday afternoon and then steamed up-river to the vicinity of Meikeng near Tantung.

Chinese batteries ashore opened fire, scoring two direct hits resulting in an explosion, whereupon the Japanese transport sunk immediately, the Chinese communique states.

## AIR RAID ALARM

The air raid alarm sounded twice yesterday afternoon but no Japanese planes appeared.

The Japanese, it was learned, carried out bombing operations on the Canton-Hankow Railway in the vicinity of Hoshengchiao, to the south of Hankow.—Reuter.

## TWO TOWNS RECAPTURED

Hankow, To-day.

A Chinese military communique confirms the recapture on Tuesday of Mahweiling by the Chinese forces.

Mahweiling, is on the Kiukiang-Nanchang railway north of Tehan.

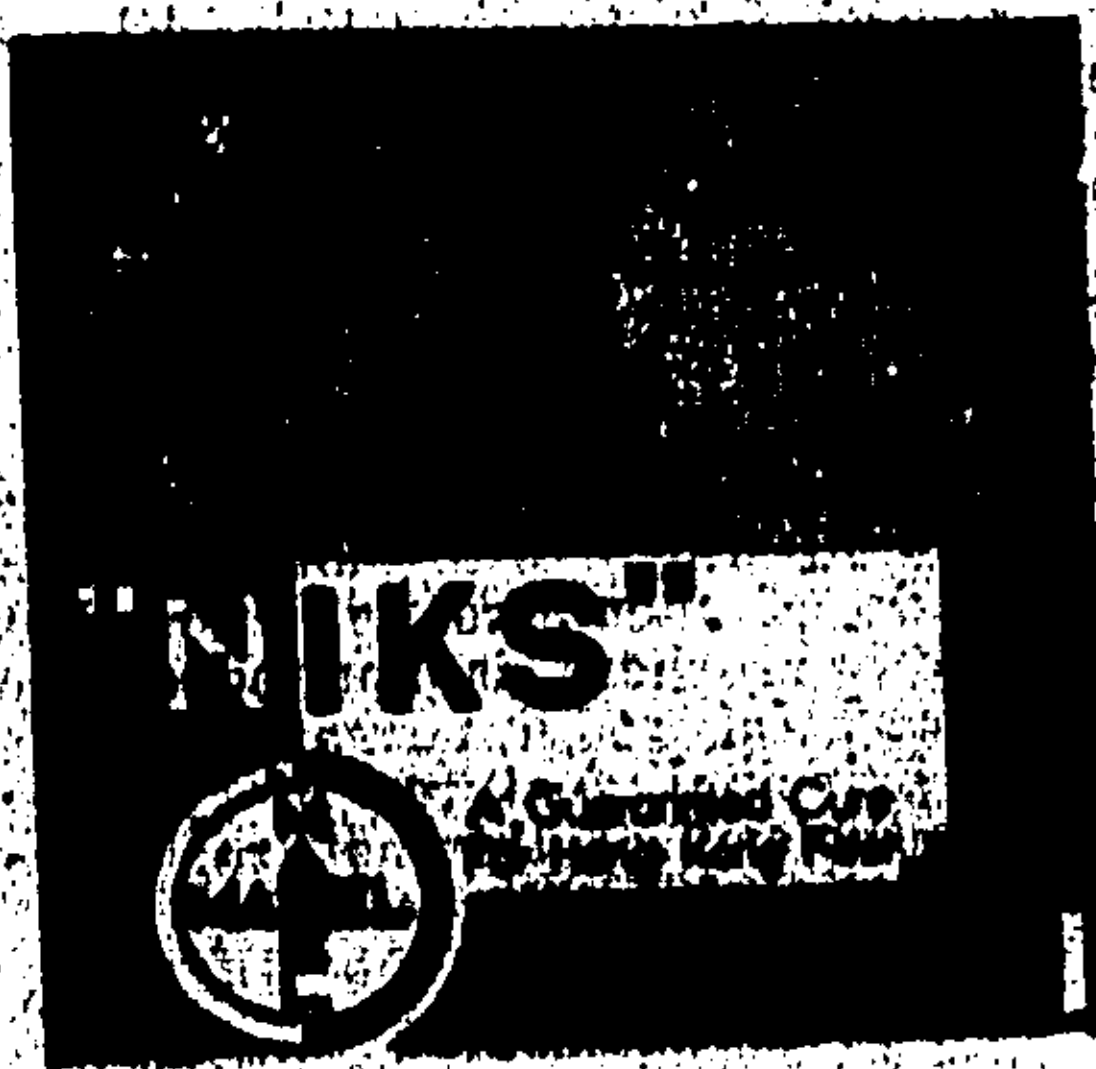
The Japanese forces south-west of Yangshin are trying to advance westward heading towards Tungshan, and have reached Huangchiao, south of Lungkang.

The Chinese have recaptured Yuanchu, strategic city in South Shansi, on the north bank of the

## PEARL RIVER CLOSURE

Canton, To-day.

It is unofficially stated here that the Pearl River Delta will probably be closed to shipping from this evening.—Our Own Correspondent.



## 100 KILLED IN RAID ON YUNNANFU

Kunming (Yunnan), To-day.

Practically half the population of Kunming have evacuated, while many of those remaining spend the day out of town.

Great fear has prevailed of air raids since the raid on September 28 when at least 100 civilians were killed, including women, children and students. The local hospital estimates that the wounded numbered 500.

It is definite that one Japanese plane was shot down near Iliang station, two hours southward on the railway. Nine members of the crew, who escaped death and were brought to Kunming the next day, are reported to have said that the planes came from the "sixth base" east of Hong Kong.

Reports that two more planes were downed at Lunan, 60 kilometres beyond Iliang, are unconfirmed.

According to an eye-witness, nine planes came in beautiful formation and went straight to the "United College," where the Tsinghua and Peita Universities, formerly of Peiping, are situated.

They bombed thoroughly, using light bombs, and then went to the airfield where 65 bombs were dropped. The Japanese planes met hardly any resistance over the town.—Reuter.

## HEAVY BOMBING NEAR WEIYANG

Canton, To-day.

Messages from Weiyang this morning state that the populace in the city were kept in suspense all day yesterday, when 18 air-raid alarms were sounded. Japanese aircraft concentrated on all routes leading from the city in an attempt to disrupt communications.

Twice the raiders flew over the city and dropped bombs in the central district. The messages add that the casualties were comparatively small.

Meanwhile the Chinese troops are now engaged with the Japanese and fierce fighting is continuing in the hills near Hachung.—Our Own Correspondent.

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## NEW LINER LAUNCHED

London, To-day.  
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Dimensions of the vessel are length 594 feet, breadth 76 feet, depth 27 feet. Her passenger accommodation is 200 first class and 886 tourist.—British Wireless.

## CHOLERA RAGES IN WAICHOW

Canton, To-day.

Over 50 persons have died from Cholera during the last few days in Waichow, objective of the Japanese drive, according to reports from that city.

The authorities are much concerned and fear the disease will spread rapidly when refugees from the coast pour into the town.

Doctors are being sent from Canton to Waichow to cope with the situation. — Our Own Correspondent.

# GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A review of conditions in Hong Kong and the intentions of the Government in respect of the Colony's principal problems, including the prospect of further taxation, was given by His Excellency the Governor in Legislative Council to-day when the draft estimates were introduced.

His Excellency said, in part:—

There are only two major items of financial policy of which I will make mention: the first is the change in the system of water finances and the second the method of making what is known as the military contribution.

Regarding the former, I hope that the scheme now approved, which is set out in detail in the estimates, will be found to be a satisfactory compromise between the merging of water finances in the general revenue and expenditure and the complete separation which some have advocated. The new arrangements are designed to secure ultimate control by Government while ensuring, firstly, that adequate provision is made for the maintenance of the undertaking's capital equipment and, secondly, that water consumers pay no more and no less than is necessary to meet the true costs of supply.

As for the military contribution, I could not fail to be struck, soon after my arrival, by the innumerable practical difficulties produced by the present method of calculating the contribution and I addressed the Secretary of State some months ago proposing a new method of assessment which would do away with those embarrassments. I have not yet had a reply from the Secretary of State, but I sincerely trust that some improvement in the present method may be agreed in the near future.

### THE OUTLOOK

Turning to economic issues in general it appears, at any rate on the surface, that the actual financial outlook is satisfactory. With a large nominal surplus and a prospect of a larger revenue this year than ever before in the Colony's history, there seems to be no danger of shortage of cash; though it is pertinent to add that conditions in the Far East make it advisable to review the figure which has in recent times been looked upon as a sufficient cash balance, viz., \$10,000,000.

But the economic problems of a community are not confined merely to questions of cash finance; they include also the right development of the essential social services which bring in their own returns. As the Financial Secretary's memorandum makes clear, the estimates of expenditure which are now before you show big increases in the fields of public health and public safety, including defence, and much of that increased expenditure must be looked upon not only as permanent but also as indicative of greater demands of the same nature in the future. On the other hand, while the Colony is not likely to experience financial stringency this year or next, it is not to be expected that its revenues will maintain their present dimensions, partly fortuitous as they are, when Sino-Japanese hostilities come to an end. The prospect must, be faced, therefore, that either the policies represented by these developments of the social services must be reversed or more revenue must be found. The former alternative is, I hope, unthinkable; as for the latter, it will not be seriously contended that this community is heavily taxed at present and I believe that I seriously contended that this community is heavily taxed at present and I believe that I correctly interpret the sentiments of the majority in asserting that further taxation to provide the amount necessary to support and develop those policies could be borne without hardship, provided that fair and equitable means of levying it are found.

How that should be put into effect I am not prepared at this stage to say: it is a subject for close expert examination. Our present sources of revenue are few and not very flexible. Moreover, owing to our special economic conditions, certain obvious sources of revenue appear to be ruled out; but I am sure that it would not be beyond our abilities to devise means of broadening the basis of taxation

in the Colony.

I intend, therefore, in the near future to appoint a committee to make a thorough, but I hope not prolonged, examination of this problem, which I believe to be, on a long view, the most important financial question now facing the Colony.

The subject of economics leads naturally to that of trade: the main facts of the situation are too well-known to call for recital here. Summarised they are that the total visible trade of the Colony was during the first eight months of this year greater than for the same periods in 1937 and 1936 by 15 per cent, and 58 per cent, respectively. As, however, this apparent prosperity is due to the misfortunes of our neighbours it is in no sense gratifying to its immediate beneficiaries.

The problems of the Colony relevant to transportation are numerous and of first-rate importance. Hong Kong is classed among the principal seaports in the world; it is in process of becoming a very important junction for an increasing number of air services and there is a prospect of a big increase in its railway traffic. It is scarcely necessary to add that these problems cannot be considered altogether independently of each other.

The rapid growth in the use of this airport, with its prospect of greater expansion in the near future, calls for consideration being given to the adequacy of the existing accommodation and administrative arrangements. As Honourable Members are aware, the aerodrome serves a dual purpose, being used both by the Royal Air Force and civilian aviators. It is to be expected that the former use will grow rather than diminish, but I am not able to make any useful forecast of its growth. Civilian machines, however, are coming in rapidly increasing numbers and tonnage. For instance, during the first seven months of this year 7,700 passengers used the aerodrome, that number being more than double that for the whole of 1937, while goods and mail tonnage for the former shorter period was four times that for the previous twelve months. The revenue from fees and licences collected by the Air Services Department also shows the very rapid growth of this traffic. In 1937 it amounted to \$25,800: the first seven months of 1938 have already brought in \$35,400, to which should be added \$15,800 on account of charges for storage, rent and rates collected by the Treasury.

There are five air lines already using the airport and it is inevitable that the number will grow. There is the further important factor that the modern aeroplane tends to take progressively longer runs in which to become air-borne. In view of these important issues I have appointed a small expert committee to examine the existing aerodrome in the light of its probable future needs and to advise upon what steps, if any, should now be taken to meet them.

### THE SOCIAL SERVICES

The two principal causes of human ill-being, malnutrition and slum housing conditions, dominate. I regret to say, the lives of a very large majority of Hong Kong's population. My predecessors set on foot two lines of inquiry which aimed at combatting these two enemies of human health.

The Nutrition Research Committee appointed by Government in 1937 has presented an interim report. The committee's main function was to foster research into local nutritional problems, and through its own efforts as well as through existing social welfare organizations to make available to the people of Hong Kong the advantages of the modern knowledge of nutrition.

### HOUSING

The actual report of the Housing Commission, which will shortly be in the hands of members, is short but pregnant and there is appended to it a thoughtful and informative study of the principal features of Hong Kong's problems of this nature, made

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# NEW CZECH FRONTIER

Approved By Ambassadors In Berlin

## GERMANS 25 MILES FROM PRAGUE

London, To-day.

The new boundary of Zone Five in Czecho-Slovakia, shown on the official map, has been approved by the Ambassadors' Commission in Berlin.

The map reveals that the new line comprises an area roughly equal to the Godesberg demands. However, only in a few cases do the new lines coincide with the Godesberg lines, the variations being from five to ten miles either way throughout.

Main German gain is north of Prague, where the new line is from ten to fifteen miles further south than the original demands.

The German frontier is thus brought within 25 miles of Prague.

### SITUATION EASED

On the other hand, the situation has eased round Pilsen, where the boundary will not now enter the actual town.

Similar changes favouring the Czechs have been made all along the south and south-west frontier.

Another German gain is west of Maerischobrau, where the approved line passes through a large area where a plebiscite was originally demanded.

The line does not, however, come within five miles of the town.

### PLEBISCITES

It is thought that the question of plebiscites will be decided by direct negotiations between the Germans and Czechs, the general impression being that the plebiscites will be waived if possible.

The map also shows areas in which plebiscites might be held.—Reuter.

## KING OF THE BELGIANS IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The King of the Belgians arrived here by rail yesterday to attend the ceremony of unveiling a statue of his father King Albert on the Place de la Concorde in the afternoon.

King Leopold's sister, Crown Princess Marie Jose of Italy, had arrived a few hours earlier.

King Leopold, who was accompanied by his brother, the Count of Flanders, and by the Belgian Premier, Dr. Spaak, was welcomed at the northern railway station by Foreign Minister Bonnet, on behalf of the French Government.

The station had been elaborately decorated for the occasion with flags of former allied nations as well as with plants and flowers.

A guard of honour, formed by a detachment of the Republican Guard, had been drawn up on the platform and presented arms as King Leopold left the railway carriage, while the band played the Belgian national anthem.

The King drove straight from the station to Elysee amid the enthusiastic cheers of the large crowds which thronged the streets.

President Lebrun entertained the King, his brother, sister and a number of other distinguished guests at luncheon.—Trans-Ocean.

## EARL WINTERTON MAINTAINS ALLEGATIONS

London, To-day.

Following the protest of the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, against the alleged statement made by Lord Winterton that Russia did not offer help to Czecho-Slovakia in the crisis but only made "vague promises," Lord Winterton speaking at Horsham yesterday, maintained that his statement was completely accurate.

He added that he had not been criticising or commenting on Russia's attitude but was only stating facts.

Doubtless Russia had not made any precise promises of military assistance because she could only have assisted Czecho-Slovakia with her army if her army had invaded Poland.

It was also a fact that the Soviet had thought it necessary to execute or imprison so large a number of Russian generals that she had, for the moment at any rate, greatly reduced the efficiency of the Russian Army as a fighting force.—Reuter.

## CZECHS JOINING NAZI CAMP

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially announced that Dr. Chvalkovsky, Czech Foreign Minister is arriving at Berlin tomorrow and will call and see Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister.

Well-informed German political circles regard the visit as the first step towards the improvement of German-Czech relations.

One commentator stated: "An attempt will be made to see if contrary to the policy of the former President, Dr. Benes, an understanding can be reached between the two countries."—Reuter.

## CROWDS GATHER NEAR SHAMEEN

Canton, To-day.

Almost the entire foreign populace turned out en masse to bid farewell to the women and children who are being evacuated to Hong Kong on the "Fatshan" at 7 o'clock this morning.

Although the air raid alarm again sounded at 6.15 a.m., there was little evidence of anxiety at the wharfside, where the whole scene was reminiscent of holiday atmosphere, and cheerful good-byes seemed to be the order of the day.

Meanwhile, the Chinese populace is gradually beginning to realise the imminent threat to the city following yesterday's landing at Bias Bay.

Crowds began to collect by the side of the creek opposite Shameen this morning anticipating further air raids, but there continues to be an entire absence of panic.—Reuter.

## IS THIS THE OUTCOME OF MUNICH?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

STRONG OPPOSITION IS BEING LAUNCHED TO THE RETROCESSION OF TANGANYIKA TO GERMANY AS THE OUTCOME OF ANY ANGLO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF GRANT OF COLONIES.

The Executive Council of the joint East Africa Board, which represents British East Africa interests, met in London yesterday.

The Board discussed the rumours and representations received from East Africa, drawing attention to the grave strategic and economic consequences which would ensue from such a cession and the incalculable disabilities which the European, Indian and native inhabitants would suffer by transfer.

The Board decided to co-operate in organisation of an influential body which will educate and mobilise public opinion in opposition to the proposal mentioned.—Reuter.

## VOLUNTEERS WITHDRAWN

Perpignan, To-day.

The first batch of foreign volunteers withdrawn by the Republican Spanish Government from the Lerida front arrived at the frontier yesterday.

They were disarmed and ordered to await permission to enter France.—Reuter.

## Rearm, Rearm And Rearm

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"WE BELIEVE THAT A WEAK BRITAIN, EITHER IN POLICY OR ARMAMENTS, IS THE GREATEST DANGER TO EUROPEAN PEACE. AT THE MOMENT."

"That is why I resigned in February, and I have never altered my feeling and I do not alter it now," declared Viscount Cranborne, former Foreign Under-Secretary under Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking at Weymouth last night.

Dealing with future policy, Viscount Cranborne said: "It is a simple thing. Rearm, rearm, and rearm. I believe that is the Government's policy. I hope it is, and it will have my fullest support."

"If we throw our whole energies into rearmament, I do not despair of peace."

Viscount Cranborne added that the Government clearly had a right to reach a settlement at Munich, in view of the alternatives before them, but the peace secured was one of which no man could be proud.—Reuter.

## DANGER TO ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

London, To-day.

In connection with reports of the landing of 50,000 Japanese troops at Bias Bay, it was stated in well-informed quarters in London yesterday that on several occasions since hostilities began in the Far East, the British Ambassador has reminded the Japanese Government of the large British interests in South China and of the danger to Anglo-Japanese relations which might arise in the course of operations in that area should they occur.

Within the last few days, Sir Robert Craigie, it is understood, has taken the occasion to remind the Japanese Government again in a similar sense.—British Wirefess.

## GUERRILLAS AT GATES OF PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

The Chinese irregulars are again fighting actively against the Japanese at the very gates of Peiping thus proving that the Japanese endeavours to keep the neighbourhood of Peiping firmly in hand have hitherto been ineffectual.

On Monday a band of 1200 Chinese irregulars made an attack on the Peiping-Tientsin railway. They are now situated near the gates of Peiping where they were attacked by the Japanese troops yesterday. Even in Peiping firing could be heard for several hours yesterday morning.—Trans-Ocean.



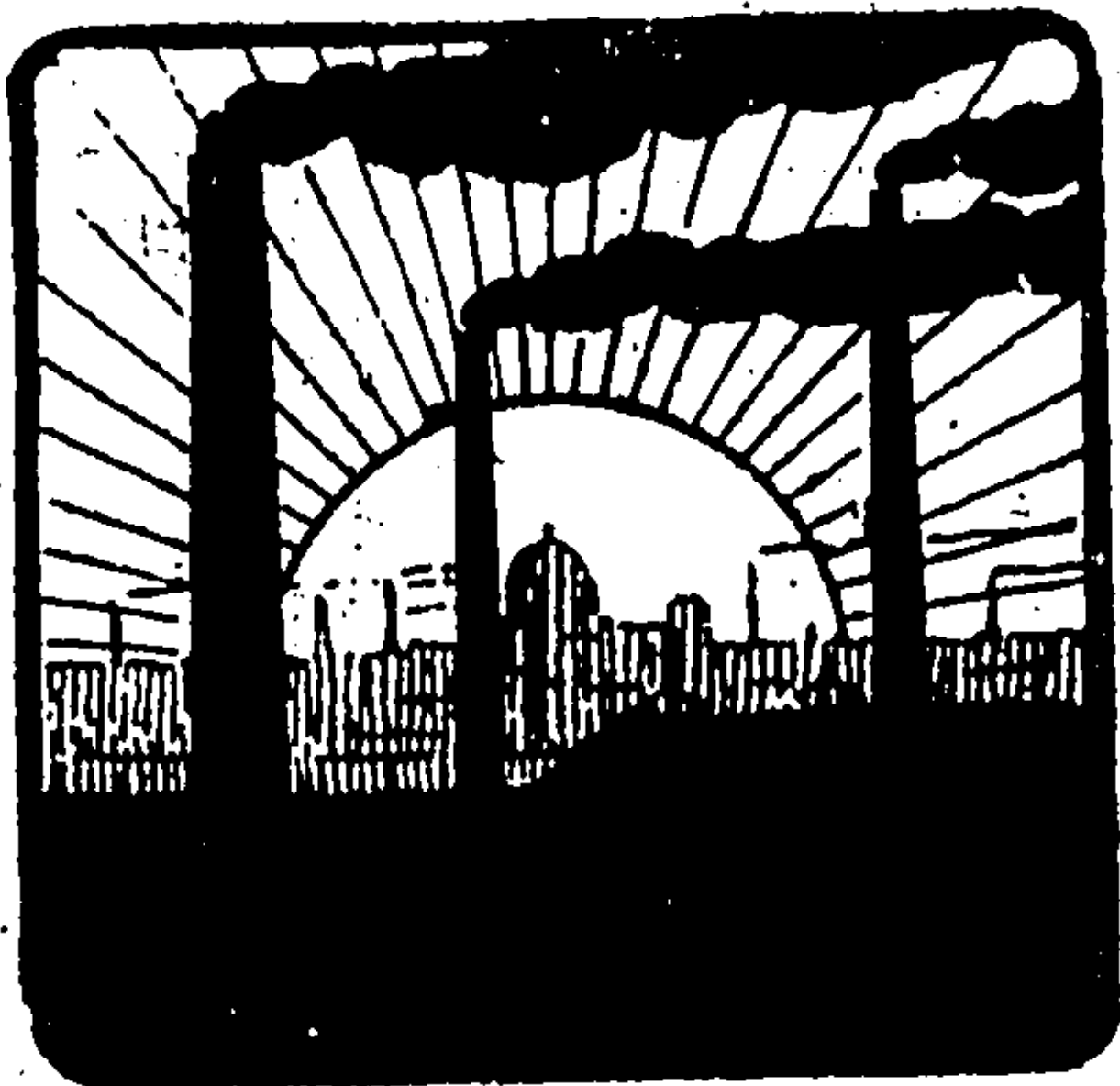
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London, To-day.

“We are ready to defend British interests, British liberties and British territory against any invader or any aggressor.”

So declared the Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, in a speech at Gravesend last night amid a roar of cheers.

Sir Thomas said he believed that we had at last got on the road to friendly Anglo-German relations.

Nobody in the Government believed that peace could be achieved by a single stroke of the pen.

There would be jolts and jars to the chariot of peace, but if they could pursue the road with good tempers, they might at last arrive at journey's end.

The influence of peace was infectious, and there was in all parts of the world at present, willingness to agree to a policy of mediation which three months ago would have seemed impossible.—Reuter.

CHINA HAS  
HOPES FROM  
MUNICH

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

MR. WANG CHING-WEI, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE KUOMINTANG, IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE TRANS-OCEAN, REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING CHINA.

HE STRESSED THAT “CHINA IS FORCED TO FIGHT AGAINST AGGRESSION AND WELCOMES SYMPATHY AND ASSISTANCE FROM ANY SIDE.”

This, however, does not signify that China is linking herself up with the political or economic policy of any other country. China's acceptance of Soviet sympathy for instance does not mean China is inclined towards Communism.

It is for China a life and death struggle and therefore China must be friends with every power showing sympathy to her cause.

In this connection Mr. Wang Ching-wei stated that China is gratified by the appeasement of the European situation hoping that the European powers are thereby in a position to draw their attention to the Far East.

He then went on to say that the Chinese people regretted the German recognition of Manchuria and are further disturbed by persistent rumours concerning a German-Japanese military pact. Nevertheless the Chinese Government is aiming to restore and to strengthen the friendly relations with Germany.

## NO FRICTION

Questioned as to the war situation, Mr. Wang declared: “Although the population is suffering greatly, China is prepared to resist unrelenting. Being forced to resort to arms, China does not close the

POLICE  
RESERVES  
CALLED OUT

The Hong Kong Police Reserve Force has been called out, according to a proclamation in a Government Gazette Extraordinary issued this morning.

door to mediation by any third party, but the success of such mediation will depend largely on Japan's peace proposals. If the terms are not such as to jeopardize China's existence and independence, they will be considered as an acceptable basis for discussion but otherwise there is no chance for negotiations.”

In reply to a question concerning the relations existing between the Central Government and the Provincial Government, especially in Szechuan and Yunnan, Mr. Wang Ching-wei emphatically stated there is no question of any friction since the national spirit is aroused for the common cause and the whole nation is one in spirit and ready to fight to the bitter end.

He added: “The spirit of the nation and the intention to resist constitutes the foundation of China's power for resistance.” — Trans-Ocean.



## ALL QUIET ON FRONTIER

## NO REFUGEE INFLUX

## Precautions In New Territories

"You're the first bloomin' refugee I've seen at this barricade since 6 o'clock this morning," stated a British frontier guard at the Shumchun frontier bridge last evening when a representative of the "China Mail" arrived on his tour of inspection of the frontier which was manned by police and military units early yesterday morning.

Intense military activity was apparent in the early stages of the journey along almost the entire length of the frontier which is divided by the Shumchun River.

Reports of a huge influx of refugees over the frontier by several newspapers yesterday afternoon were entirely misleading and led to a panic in the local rice market.

Contrary to expectations and with the exception of a few curious Chinese at Shataukok, who were very interested in the activities of three European Police sergeants and a squad of over 20 Chinese and Indian policemen, there was not a refugee in sight for the 30 miles length of the frontier.

Commencing our journey in the early part of the afternoon we passed a convoy of military lorries returning to Hong Kong with European and Chinese Sappers, who had evidently completed their task of erecting barbed wire barricades.

Along the Shataukok Road and not far from the Hunters' Arms, units of the Royal Corps of Signals were completing their telephone lines, which were laid the entire length of the frontier road.

## FISHING FLEET

We were informed yesterday morning that two companies of the Middlesex Regiment had been sent out to reinforce the Police at the frontier, but they were remarkably conspicuous by their absence, although late in the evening we came upon several tents and mobile Army kitchens on the new road leading to the Shumchun Bridge, but not far distant from Sheungshui.

Our arrival at Shataukok saw the Chinese fishing fleet just returning from outside waters and inquiries left no doubt in our mind that any desire for the fleet to fish outside of Mirs Bay (British Territorial Waters) would be fatal, as Japanese destroyers were reported to be cruising in the vicinity of Mawan Island, which is almost at the entrance to Mirs Bay.

Permission was given us to travel to Shumchun by the frontier Road in order (so the European Sergeant said) to cut the journey in half.

## FRONTIER ROAD

The frontier road, which starts at the barricade at Shataukok and which is only a few yards from the Shumchun River marking the boundary line between British and Chinese territory, gave us an idea of the task which our frontier guards would have to put up with in case of a major "invasion" by refugees.

The early stages of the journey (and at this stage it would perhaps be wise to state that the road is unfit for motor car travel) were fairly level and the only signs of military or Police activity were one or two Army despatch riders on motor cycles, who were experiencing difficulty owing to the rough conditions of the road.

After about 10 minutes of slow driving we commenced an upward journey and very soon were nearly 400 to 500 feet up, the road being cut right through clay deposits and rock formation and passage was extremely difficult at times.

## NEW POSTS

We met several cars but as soon as we reached sea level again we came upon the first signs of military activity outside of what we had seen on the Shataukok Road.

Newly erected frontier posts for police and military were very much in evidence and barbed wire entanglements on the Shumchun River bank were very much in evidence.

Shortly before our arrival at the newly erected Takuling Police Station, we came upon men of the Middlesex Regiment erecting tents and saw the first lines of communication between the various frontier posts.

In spite of startling news in the afternoon editions to the effect that hundreds of refugees were pouring across the frontier, until now (we had traversed roughly eight miles of the frontier) everything was normal and the peaceful villages in Chinese territory were carrying on as usual despite the Japanese threat 25 miles away.

Shumchun at last, and not a Chinese in sight with the exception of the Chinese Customs officer on the Chinese side of the barrier.

A Lance-Corporal of the Middlesex Regiment who was on duty on the British side of the Bridge was questioned as to how many hundreds of refugees had passed over on their way to Kamtin.

## INFLUX LATER

"You're the first bloomin' refugee I've seen at this barricade since 6 a.m.," was his answer.

Officials at the frontier were of the opinion that it was much too

## LOITERING CHARGE

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on a 20-year-old unemployed, Lau Wing, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of loitering on enclosed premises.

Detective Sergeant Terrett, prosecuting, said at about 4 a.m. yesterday, defendant was seen by a constable in No. 8 Jubilee Street, first floor, and when questioned, he could not give a satisfactory explanation. Defendant had two previous convictions.

## EVADED FERRY FARE

Chan Tong, aged 25, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, with the breach of Ferry Regulations, by not having paid his proper fare, while travelling on board the ferry "Man Tak," from Hong Kong to Mongkok.

It was alleged that defendant was asked for his ticket, when he was on board the ferry, and told the collector that he had lost it. The collector found, however, that no tickets were missing.

Defendant said he had just come down from Canton, and did not know the regulations in the Colony. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

early to expect any Chinese refugees although they anticipated their arrival in the late hours of the night or possibly early this morning.

Not far from the Shumchun Bridge were three tents, in charge of two European Police sergeants, a Chinese Sub-Inspector and several Chinese and Indian policemen.

An interesting structure was a "prison pen" closed in by a double passage of barbed wire for prisoners. This, explained a European officer, was meant for Chinese soldiers should they happen to want to cross the frontier into British territory.

Reports that lorries carrying searchlights for Chinese army units had passed over the bridge were confirmed by the Chinese customs officer, who stated that several lorries had passed into Chinese territory during the early part of the afternoon, while traffic on the road had been fairly heavy.

## JAPANESE PLANES

We completed our tour of inspection of the frontier by proceeding to Lokmachau where "all quiet" was reported, although three Japanese military aeroplanes were reported to have flown along the border on a reconnaissance flight. No bombs were dropped and after 10 to 15 minutes they left in a northeasterly direction.

At Lokmachau we came upon another detachment of the Middlesex Regiment camped just below the station almost on the river bank.

We completed our journey in a little under four hours and found that the frontier was well protected by Police outposts. At every possible crossing point, well complemented

## NEW REGIME IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day. The opening ceremony of the new local Japanese-controlled regime will take place in the former Mayor's office at the Civic Centre on Sunday, October 16. The regime is headed by Mr. Fu Chung-yao, well-known in the foreign community of Shanghai.

As Mayor of Greater Shanghai he will have jurisdiction beside Chapei and Nantao, over all territory and the area up to Sungkiang, Quinsan, Paotung, Nanhwei, Tsungming Islands and Paoshan.—Reuter.

## AND NOW BULGARIA

Sofia, To-day. The German Minister for Economics, Walther Funk, arrived here yesterday on his way through the Far East having previously visited Belgrade and Ankara.

The Bulgarian Minister for Finance, M. Gunoff, the Minister for Trade, M. Nikiforoff, and the Minister for Agriculture, M. Bankoff, besides many leading politicians and leaders of economic life received and welcomed the German guest and his wife at the railway station.

Yesterday evening Dr. Funk called on the Bulgarian Prime Minister, and the Foreign Minister, M. Kuesseiwannoff.

To-day the economic negotiations will begin.—Trans-Ocean.

## CONSTABLE'S BAIL ESTREATED

A Chinese constable, Kong Shing, aged 29, had his bail of \$150 estreated and a warrant for arrest issued this morning by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy when he failed to appear on a charge of demanding \$5 with menaces from a woman named Leung Choi, at the exits of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on September 29.

Defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ and Det. Sergt. C. Goodwin prosecuted.

## GUNNERS CHARGED

Gunners John Thomas Phelan and Frederick Hammer, of the 24th Brigade, Royal artillery, were this morning charged before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy with robbery, on October 10, by stealing \$6 from Leung Ting, carpenter, on the waterfront at Kennedy Town on that day.

Both defendants were remanded a week in Police custody.

## DEATH OF JARDINE ENGINEER

News was received by cable in the Colony this morning of the death at Biffing, in Scotland, of Mr. John Maxwell, formerly an engineer employed by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. Mr. Maxwell retired two years ago.



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## INVASION

After a period of alarms and excursions, the invader has at length set foot on Kwangtung soil, and South China is about to undergo the horrors of what is bound to be a ruthless campaign. In spite of Japanese exhortations to the "innocent people of this district" to "be at ease," and the statement, humorous were the circumstances not so tragic, that Chinese troops will be "forgiven" should they abandon arms "in repentance of their past," Cantonese should be under no illusions as to what lies ahead of them. Canton is not only the cradle of the Chinese Revolution, it is also the cradle of anti-Japanese sentiment in China. Japan has long cherished a desire to chaetise the South, and the horrible bombings to which Canton has for so long been subjected did not come about merely from a desire to destroy civilian morale but were also motivated by a deep hatred of a city which has for so long led the way in anti-Japanese sentiment in China. We make no predictions as to the outcome of Japan's new campaign, but there is no reason yet to share the opinions expressed by certain Kwangtung leaders that the invader will have an all too easy passage through the Province.

## To "Provide Our Wants"

In a day when human thought is so generally seeking merely material satisfactions and turning to government as the sole source of supply, an awakening

word is peculiarly timely. It has been well spoken by one who through two-score years has borne a burden of care few ever know. As part of a broadcast greeting to her people on the occasion of her birthday, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands said:

I was conscious of the insufficiency of human knowledge and ability and firmly believed that only the aid of God could provide our wants. I now look back on these forty years in the light of the Lord's guidance and am filled with gratitude.

Our times have seen a new emphasis on the fairer division of material wealth. Changing conditions have also caused governments to give more attention to the care and security of the weak, the aged, or the unemployed. Much of this development is genuine progress. But there are temptations to forget that supply is not really material. No division of things will satisfy the spiritual needs of men, and no security is so sure as that provided by the energy, adaptability, discernment, justice, honesty, and kindness expressed by the individual through better understanding of their divine source.

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## Fezplees

A speaker at a recent meeting of educationists in London was of the opinion that the southern English are more prone than the rest of their countrymen to be slovenly in their speech; and the London bus conductor was held up as one of the worst offenders in this respect. Apparently, his "Fares, please," and "Thank you," are apt to degenerate into "Fezplees," and "Kew." No doubt it is time, which usually operates to eradicate dialect, which has, in this case, given rise to one.

Idealists may claim that none but the suave deserves the fare; but the rush hour demands its man of quick action, and accents must be clipped, or tickets will never be. Nor must one deduce that off his bus the conductor is not a man of rolling syllables, and Johnsonian rhetoric, who would scorn to butcher his accents to make a busman's holiday.

Indeed, one may be grateful to him that the dialect has not a much greater vocabulary: he might well have been overcome with the monotony of his phrase, and, as Dickens's newsboy rang the changes on "Paper!" with "Pepper!" "Piper!" "Pupper!" have given us "Faz," "Fiz," and "Fuzplees." What is more, considering how arduous is the role he plays, one must congratulate him in so seldom forgetting his "Kew."



# TOKYO REQUEST TO BRITAIN

## JAPANESE FORCES MEETING WITH RESISTANCE IN NORTH-WESTERLY ADVANCE

WHILE THE JAPANESE FORCES WHICH LANDED AT BIAS BAY YESTERDAY MORNING ARE MOVING SLOWLY IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION PREPARATORY TO THE "BIG PUSH" ON TAMSHUI, WAICHOW AND CANTON, JAPAN HAS SENT A FURTHER NOTE TO THE POWERS.

In this note the Premier, Prince Konoye, says a Reuter despatch from Tokyo, requests the respective governments to take measures to prevent Chinese troops constructing military works close to foreign property in South China.

In addition, the Japanese Government desires foreign powers to refrain from moving their troops, warships and aircraft in South China in the area from Swatow to Pakhoi during continuance of Japanese military action.

The note also asks that ten days' notice be given in advance of movements of foreign troops, warships and aircraft in this area.

Meanwhile (says our Canton correspondent), military quarters state that a further thirty Japanese warships and transports are steaming south from Shanghai, and it is feared that another major landing is about to take place in South China.

A report from Swatow states that additional Japanese vessels arrived off the port yesterday, and shelled the Chinese coastal defences at Sheklm, Hoishan and Chaoyang.

Fears are still entertained in Canton that a landing will be attempted near Bocca Tigris and also between Swatow and Hoifung. The Po On coast at Chekwan was shelled from the sea.

### BIAS BAY FIGHTING

Canton, To-day.

First hand reports of the landing of the Japanese forces at Bias Bay were received here last night from Weiyang, where a number of Chinese refugees have arrived from the coast.

It is stated that about 50 Japanese cruisers steamed very near the coast at Hachung and commenced shelling the interior at about 3 a.m. yesterday. Covered by these gunboats numerous launches crowded with Japanese troops and blue-jackets reached the shores and successfully landed without firing a single shot.

When the launches were about to return to bring more troops, the Chinese coastal batteries suddenly opened fire concentrating their field pieces on the Japanese boats and their machine-guns on the Japanese on shore. A furious battle then occurred and lasted about three hours after which the Chinese were forced to retire inland by the continuous bombardment from the Japanese warship.

### VILLAGES BOMBED

The Japanese, it is stated, lost more than a 1,000 men, and the Chinese left behind nearly 700 killed.

Later in the morning, Japanese aircraft took off from the aircraft carrier in the Bay and bombed the Chinese in the hills and also a number of villages along the coast, including Hachung.

Over a hundred buildings were razed to the ground at Hachung by Japanese incendiary bombs and shells, and about 150 Chinese civilians killed. The buildings were still blazing last night.

### CONSOLIDATING

The Chinese troops have retreated to the hills to take cover from the Japanese shelling, and hundreds of Chinese from the coast are pouring to towns and cities inland.

The same reports add that the Japanese continued all day yesterday landing forces and supplies under the cover of their warships, and will, it is believed, not undertake their drive to Canton or to the Canton-Kowloon Line in Chinese territory immediately, but will wait until they have obtained a firm hold on the mainland.

Weiyang authorities expected a general influx of refugees during to-day and have made preparations to house and feed them and transport them to other parts of Kwangtung.—Our Own Correspondent.

### FULL NOTE

Tokyo, To-day.

Prince Konoye yesterday addressed a note to the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers, which requests the foreign powers, in view of the military operations begun by the Japanese in South China, to avoid civil or military measures which might lead to undesirable incidents with the Japanese forces operating in South China.

The note declares:

(1) "The Chinese troops must be prevented from using foreign property in South China as a base for their operations and foreign powers should therefore refrain from all actions which might be regarded by the Japanese troops as intervention by the foreign powers in favour of the Chinese.

(2) The Japanese Government wishes that the powers concerned refrain as far as possible from moving troops and warships and planes to South Chinese regions between Swatow and Pakhoi while the Japanese operations are in progress in order to avoid incidents. The Japanese Government moreover wishes that any troop or war-

ship or plane movements planned are notified to the Japanese authorities ten days in advance.

### DANGER ZONE

(3) The Japanese Government trusts that eventual Chinese endeavours to use territorial waters and area-zones of foreign powers will be frustrated by the foreign powers.

The note then refers to the announcement of June 20 regarding the danger zone in the area of military operations in China and expresses the wish that foreign ships avoid this zone and that foreign property in this region is clearly designated and notified to the Japanese authorities in China and that Chinese troops are not allowed to approach this property. The Japanese Government moreover points out, it is desirable that foreigners have occupied the territories in question.—Trans-Ocean.

## MEETING WITH RESISTANCE

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
Canton, To-day.

The Japanese forces at Bias Bay are moving in a north-westerly direction from Hachung, and are

## JAPANESE APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION

The following statement, made by the spokesman of the Foreign Office in Tokyo yesterday, was issued by the Consulate-General in Hong Kong this morning:

Operations just undertaken in South China by Imperial Japanese forces are purely military operations for the purpose of intercepting the principal route of arms and munitions supply to the Chinese forces and destroying important points of hostile machinations against Japan.

The policy hitherto pursued by the Japanese Government of respecting the rights and interests of third powers remains unchanged. Although best efforts will therefore be exerted for the prevention of any damage to them in the present operations, it is earnestly hoped that third powers will understand the real intentions of Japan and will extend co-operation to the efforts of the Japanese forces and thereby preclude the occurrence of any untoward incidents.

meeting with a certain measure of resistance.

Present indications are that they are not making towards the British border but are concentrating in a direct line for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, avoiding hilly country.

Light machine-guns and light artillery are still being landed, and Japanese troops have more or less complete control of the Bias Bay area.

Reconnaissance planes were up in the early hours of this morning scouting for Chinese advanced detachments.

Heavy explosions have been heard at Shumchun, presumably from air bombing.—Our Own Correspondent.

*Here's Luck!*

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## German Honour For British Air Expert

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

THIS YEAR'S GENERAL MEETING OF THE LILIENTHAL SOCIETY FOR AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH WAS OPENED HERE YESTERDAY BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE AIR MINISTRY, GENERAL MILCH.

Among representatives of 24 nations were a number of world famed aviators and aeroplane constructors including Col. Lindbergh, Udet and the Russo-American, Sikorsky.

After General Milch, in an opening address, had stressed the immortal services rendered by the pioneers of aviation in all countries and drawn an eloquent picture of the extraordinary development of air traffic since the World War, a telegram was sent to the Air Minister, Field-Marshal Goering, to which the latter replied expressing his gratitude. Goering went on to say that the progress of aeronautical research in Germany had been decisive in securing the present position of German aviation in the world.

### BRITON HONOURED

The famous flier, General Udet, who is at the head of the technical department of the Reich Air Ministry, then distributed Lilienthal Commemoration medals. This year's recipients of that coveted decoration were Doctor Claudius Dornier, Doctor Heinrich Focke, Doctor Albert Beetz, Doctor Heinrich Ebert, Albert Patin and Director Adolf Beck.

The "Lilienthal Ring" offered by Field Marshal Goering to non-German aviators of outstanding merit and which was awarded this year for the first time, was presented by General Udet to the leading English air expert, Mr. Fedden, who is President of the Royal Aeronautical Society and chief engineer of the Bristol Airplane Works.

Great interest was aroused by a lecture by the celebrated Russo-American airplane constructor, Sikorsky, who stated that he believed it possible with modern technical means to build flying boats of 100 tons capable of transporting 100 persons and of attaining an hourly speed of 200 miles.

The Famous German constructor, Heinkel, discussing the question of speed, recalled that thanks to the marvellous celerity of technical progress, General Udet had been able to establish with Heinkel machine a world record of 395 miles an hour.—Trans-Ocean.

## LEARN TO BE A BRASS HAT BY CORRESPONDENCE

London, To-day.

The War Office yesterday announced details of a scheme providing for wider opportunities for Territorial Army officers to be trained in Staff duties.

Fifty captains or senior lieutenants will be trained annually for Staff appointments in the event of mobilisation.

As most officers of the Territorial Army are civilians, most of the training will be by correspondence course, but the officers will spend a fortnight at the Staff College for practical work.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN VETERANS FOR SUDETENLAND

Rome, To-day.

The original plan of sending two Italian Grenadier Regiments and one Bersaglieri regiment as a part of the international police force to the Sudeten German plebiscite zone has been modified, according to a semi-official announcement yesterday night.

The commission of the diplomatic representatives charged with the preparation of the plebiscite decided at the request of both parties to entrust not military units but detachments of war veterans with that task.

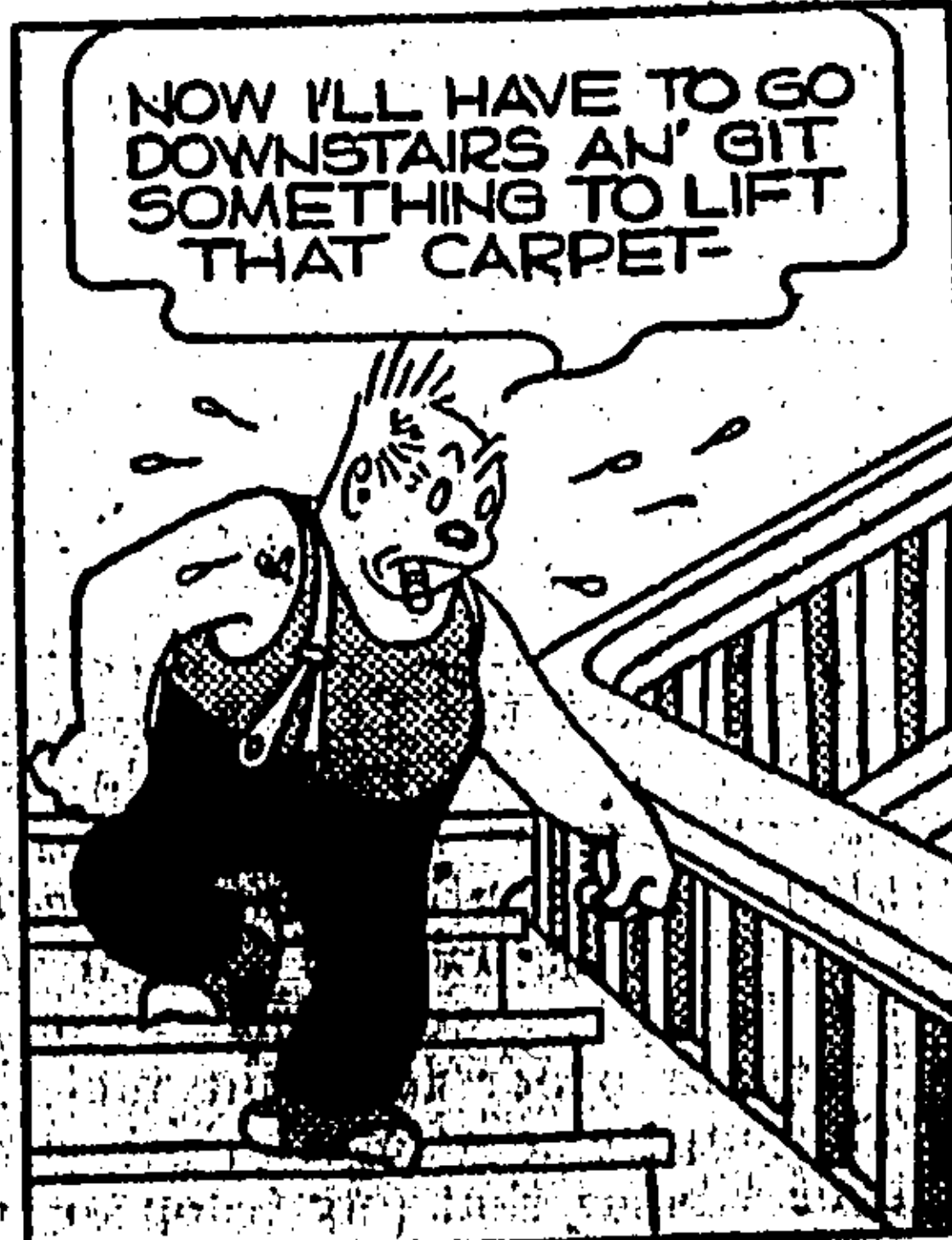
The strength of these detachments will be considerably reduced and the expenses will be borne by their Governments.—Trans-Ocean.

## ARAB TERROR

Jerusalem, To-day.

Five Arabs were shot dead and three wounded in terrorist outrages in the past 24 hours.—Reuter.

### Bringing Up Father





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### FRENCH C.-IN-C. LEAVES CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.  
Colonel Jacomi, commander-in-  
chief French forces in China,  
passed through Shanghai yester-  
day from Tientsin en route to  
French Indo-China on board the  
"Jean Laborde." — Reuter.

### WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports  
that pressure is highest over Man-  
churia and the Pacific to the east  
of Japan. It is relatively low in  
a trough extending from Indo-  
China to Guam.

The typhoon is situated between  
Shanghai and Naha, moving north-  
ward, and appears to have de-  
creased in intensity.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds,  
moderate; fair.

and Birmingham on February 20.  
The concession includes the wives  
of buyers and children under eigh-  
teen years.—British Wireless.

### SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS CENTENARY

London, To-day.

Southampton yesterday celebrat-  
ed the Centenary of its docks. All  
ships in port were dressed and the  
dockland and immediate areas were  
gay with flags and bunting.

One hundred years ago the founda-  
tion stone was laid on a site in  
216 acres bought by the original  
Dock Company for £5,000. The  
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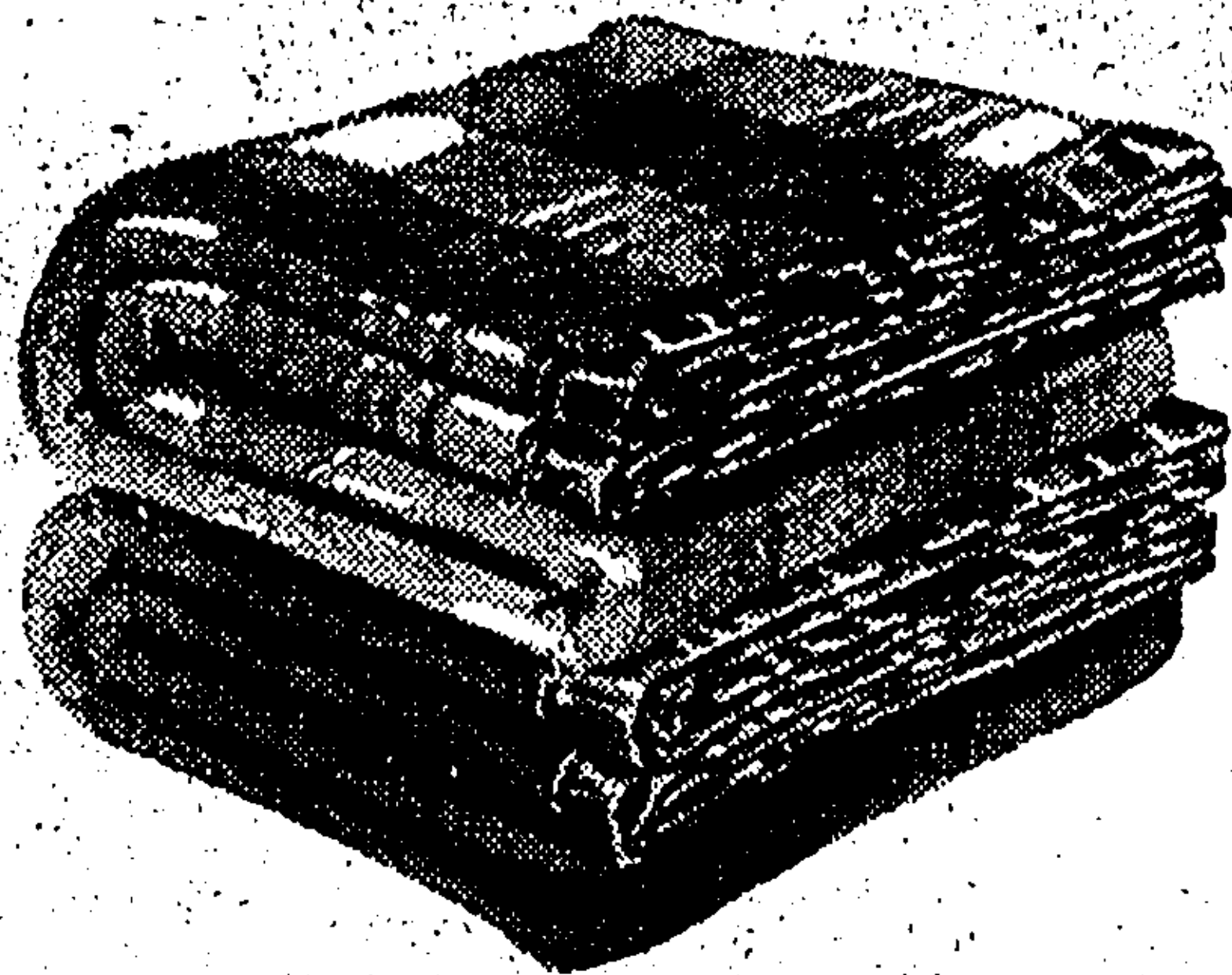
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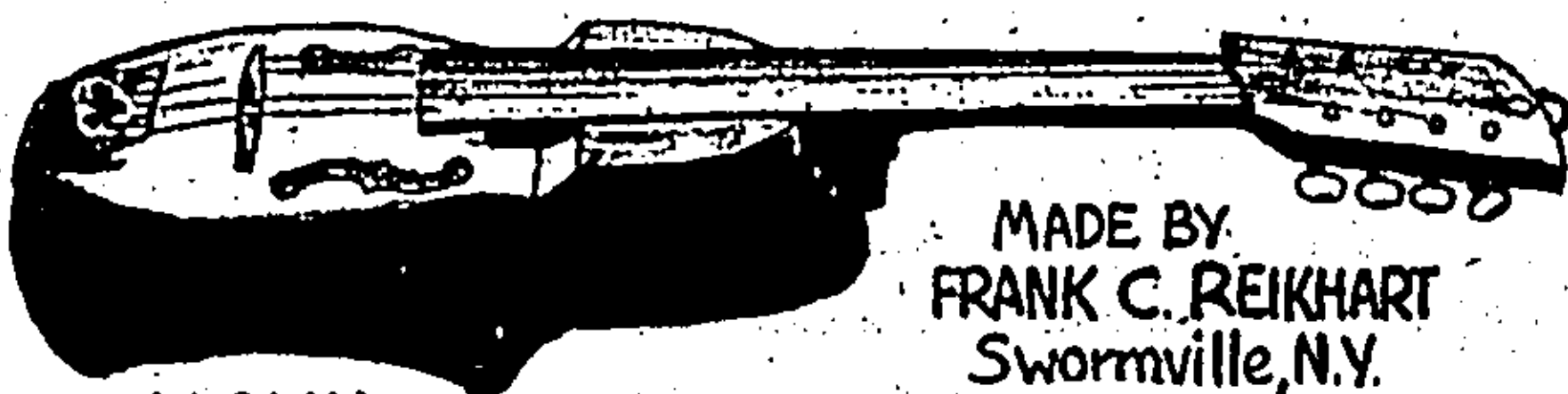
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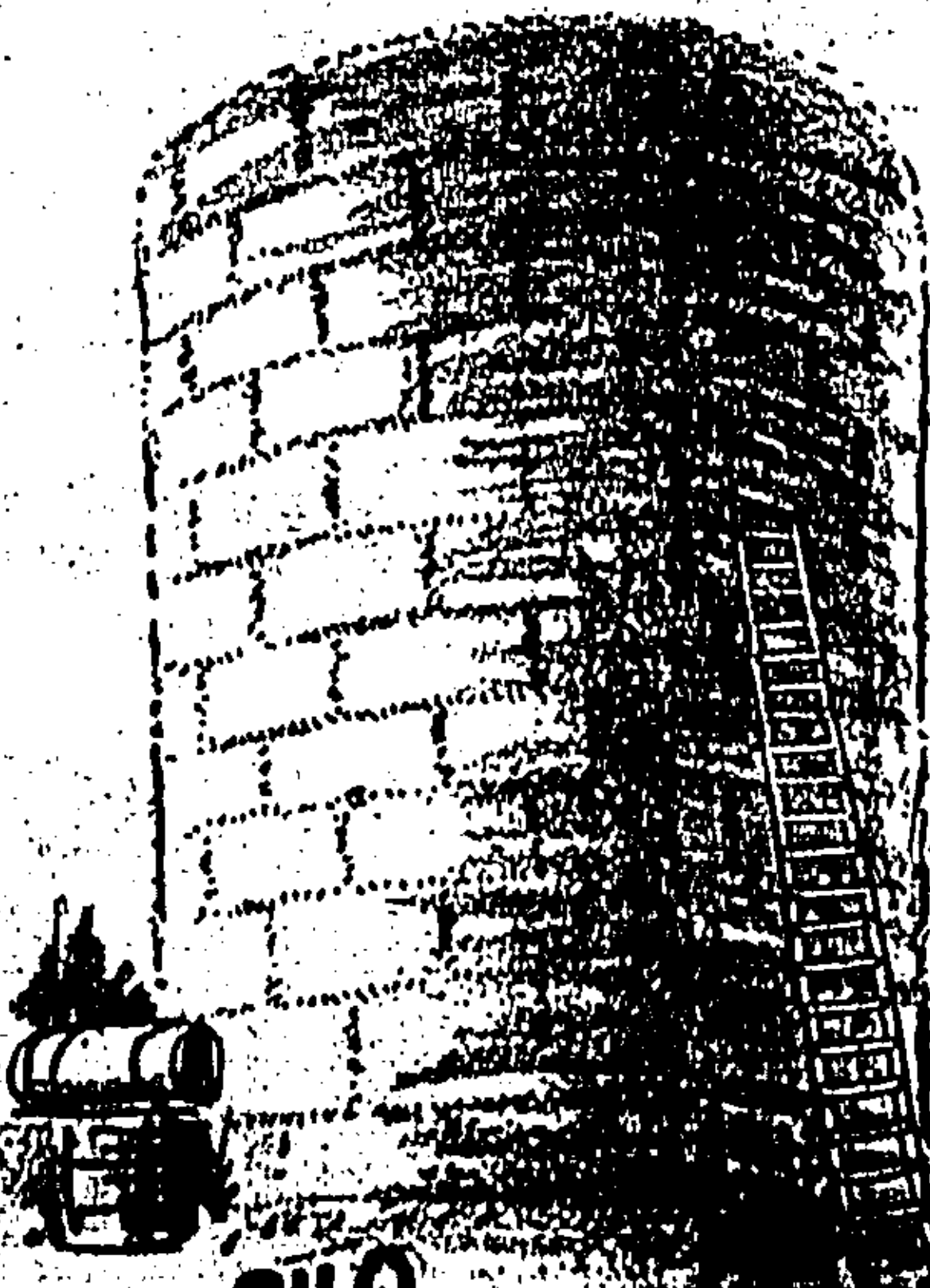
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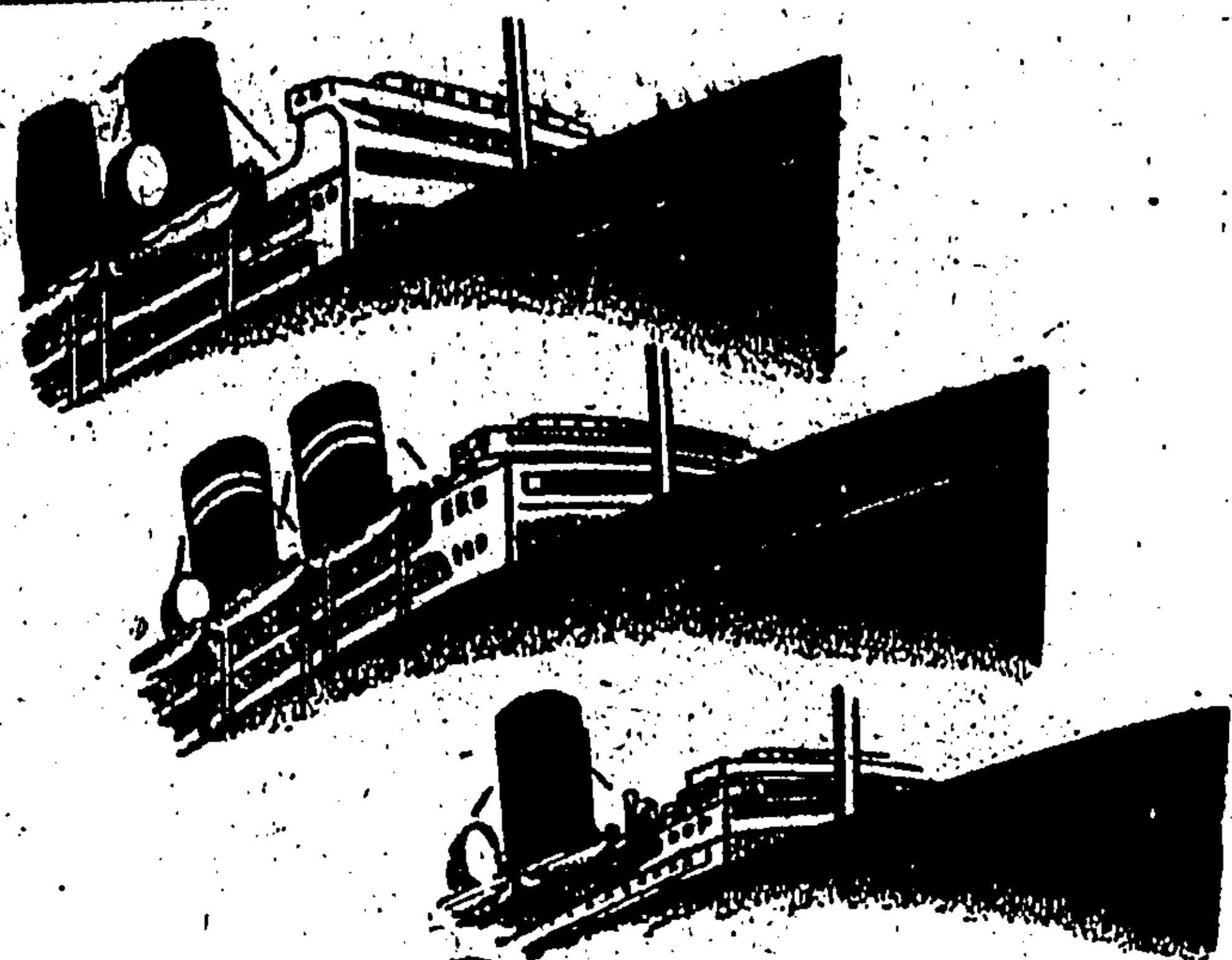


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†*SOMALI	6,000	3rd Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp.
§CANTON	15,500	10th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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Amoy and Chuanchow	Shantung	Oct. 13, 4.30 p.m.
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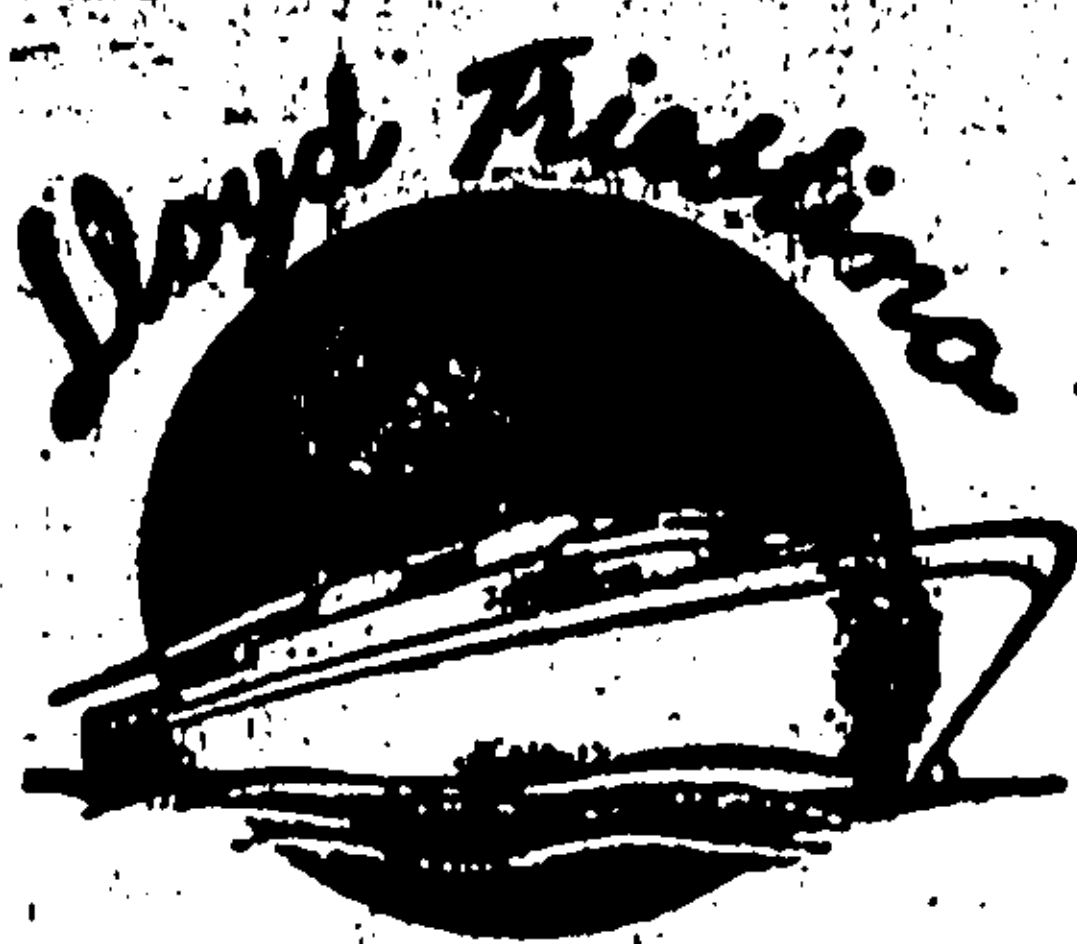
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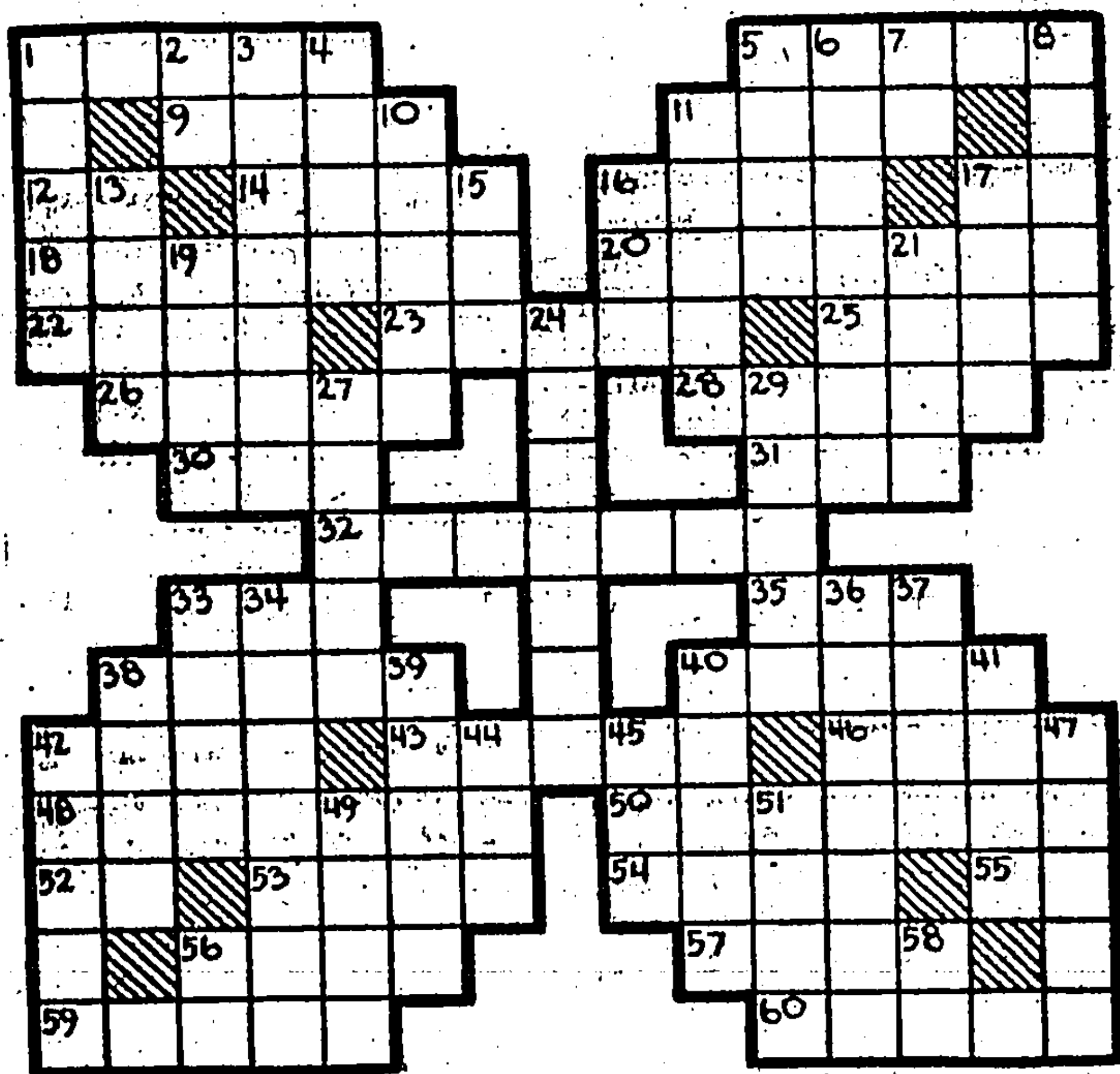
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- 11-Comfort
- 12-Exist
- 14-Confusion (colloq.)
- 16-Grade
- 17-Exists
- 18-Purposes
- 20-Highest mountain in the world
- 22-Darling
- 23-Weird
- 25-Part of the eye
- 26-Turkish official
- 28-Carols
- 30-Editors (abbr.)
- 31-The (Fr.)
- 32-Slander
- 33-Constellation
- 35-Terminate
- 38-Minds
- 40-Corner
- 42-Simians
- 43-Gains
- 46-Australian bird
- 48-Improves

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 50-Receptacles for tea
- 52-Indefinite article
- 53-Angers
- 54-Spoken
- 55-Runic (abbr.)
- 56-Taverns
- 57-Walk
- 59-Color slightly
- 60-Chemical analysis

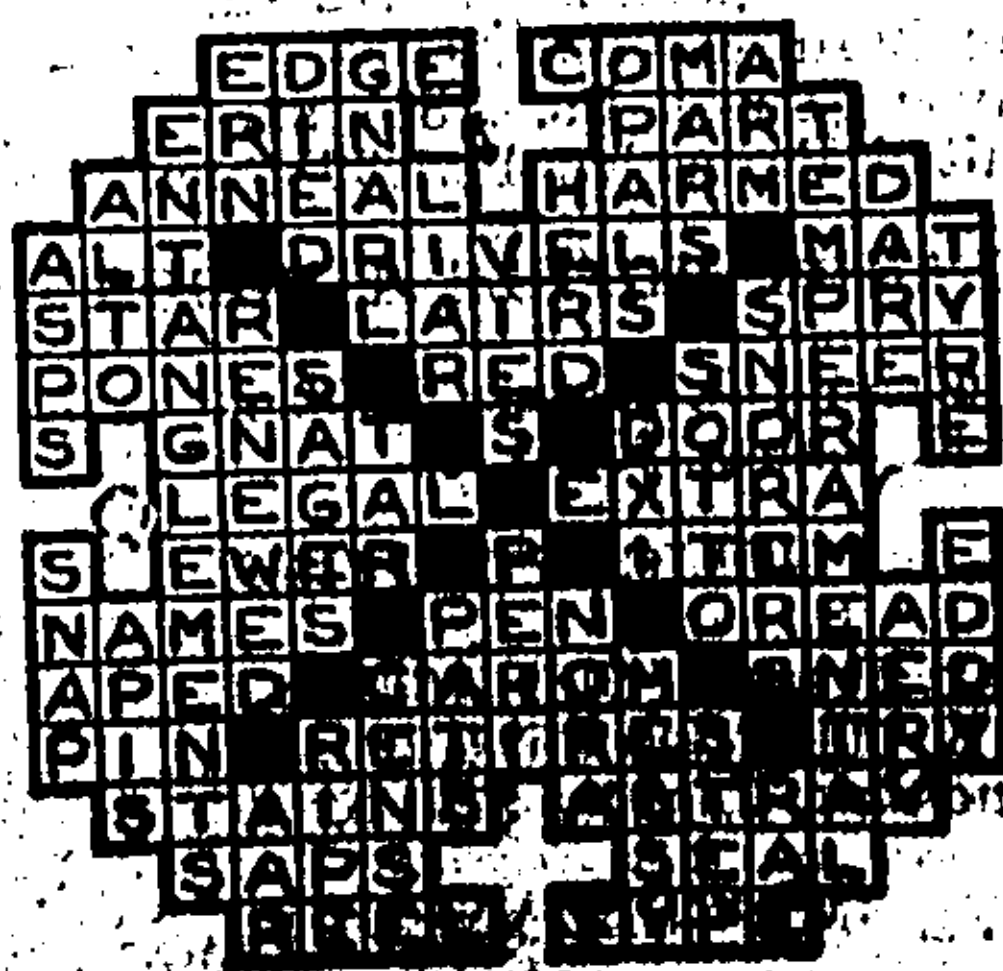
#### VERTICAL

- 1-Mad
- 2-Depart
- 3-Spoken
- 4-English school
- 5-Tardy
- 6-Drug used to contract pupil of eye
- 7-Myself
- 8-Bird homes
- 10-Queerer
- 11-Projecting edge of a roof
- 13-Man's name (Fr.)
- 15-Suffix to indicate fullness

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-Portuguese coin
- 17-Principal Egyptian goddess
- 19-Domesticated
- 21-Unit of work (pl.)
- 24-Third highest peak in United States
- 27-Composition
- 29-Slicker
- 33-Aid
- 34-Reclining
- 36-Knitting rods
- 37-Prefix. Half
- 38-Ajar
- 39-Cauterizes
- 40-Russian title (pl.)
- 41-Prophet
- 42-Toward the stern (Naut.)
- 44-Farm animal
- 45-Non-commissioned officer (abbr.)
- 47-Unlawful interest
- 48-Eagle
- 51-Plural of datum
- 55-Into
- 58-Postscript (abbr.)

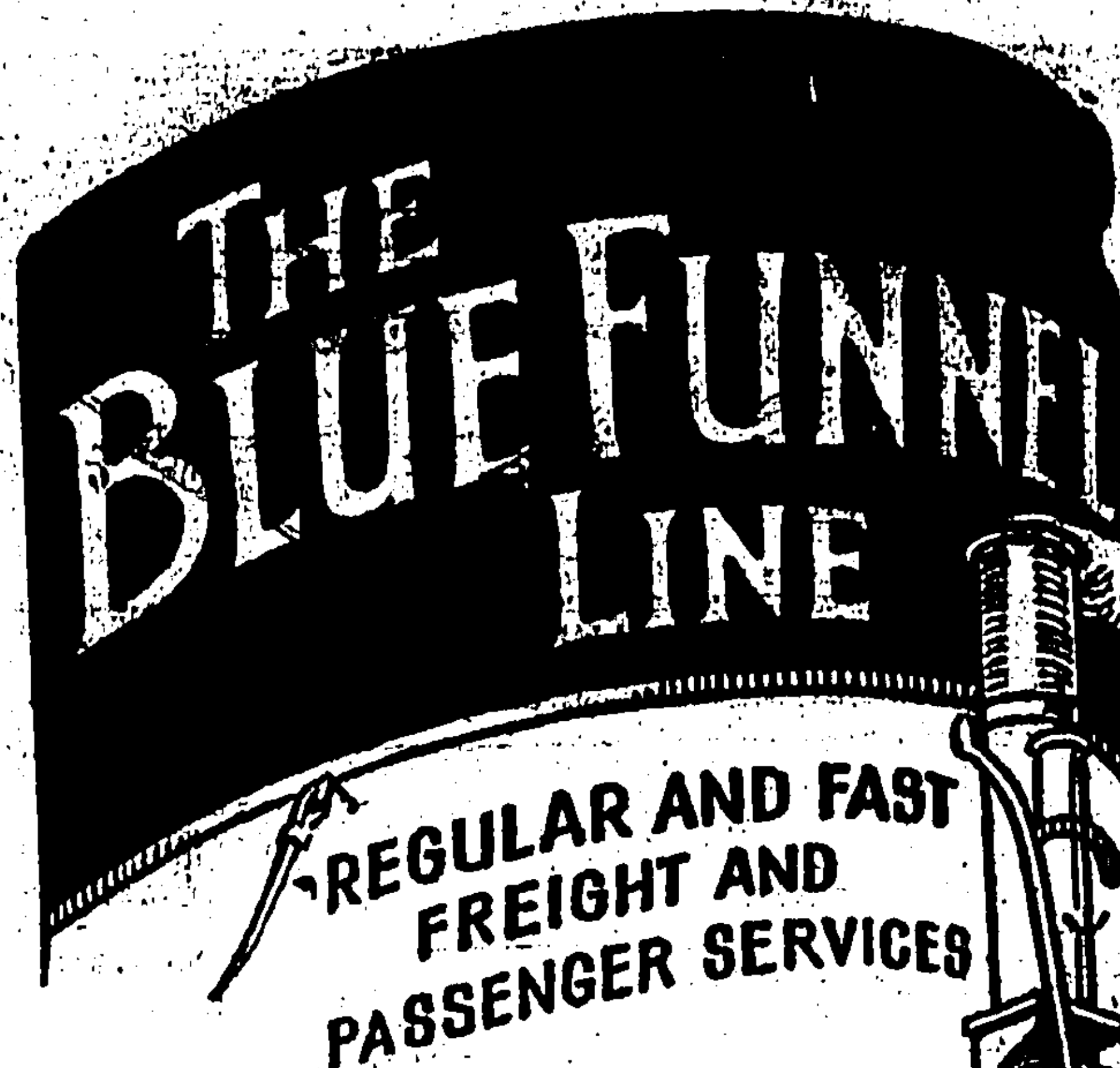
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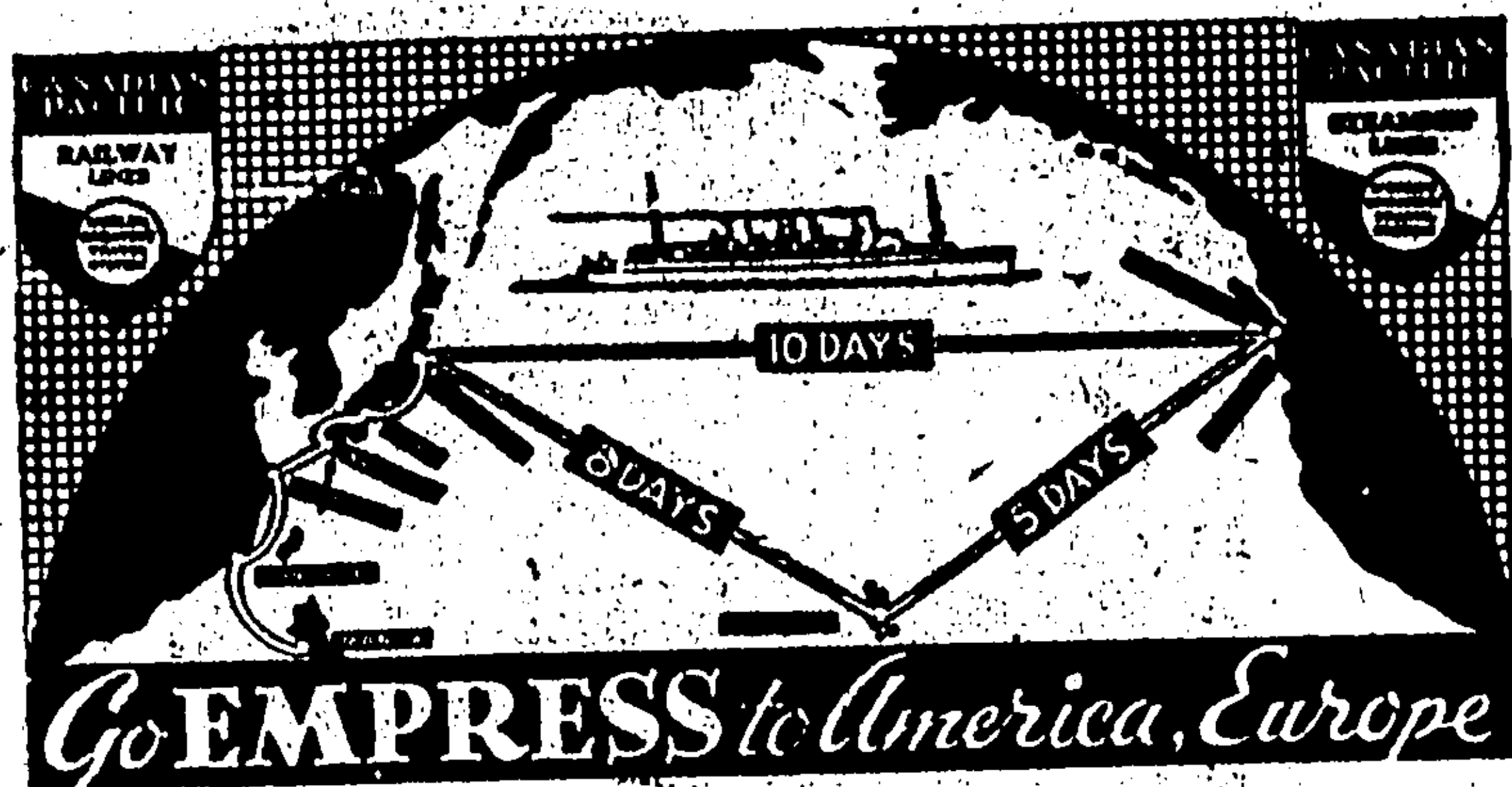
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## IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY HOUSING COMMISSION

(Continued from Page 4)

of the King George V Playing Fields is a step in the right direction, but does not go far enough. There should be many more such parks.

In view of the foregoing conclusions we recommend:—

(I) That a permanent Town Planning and Housing Committee be formed to advise Government on Town Planning and Housing matters.

(II) That a permanent Town Planning and Housing Sub-Department of the Public Works Department be created.

(III) That, when that preliminary work has been completed, it should be subject to review and criticism by an acknowledged expert from England.

(IV) That Government should encourage and, where necessary, assist the establishment, by charitable organizations, of "settlements" in the slum areas.

(V) That Government should consider the erection of experimental quarters for their Asiatic employees. While the provision of these quarters will, in a small degree, increase the amount of available accommodation, their special value will lie in enabling experiments to be made with a view to devising a more satisfactory type of dwelling.

(VI) That Section 187 Sub-Section (b) of the Buildings Ordinance of 1938

be deleted, and the following two sub-sections be substituted:—

(3) The provisions of Sections 6 and 116, so far as they relate to authorized architects, shall not apply in any case in which the Building Authority shall so decide.

(4) Buildings in accordance with type plans, approved under Regulations, prepared under the direction of the Governor in Council, and contained in Schedule O, may be erected in any part of the Colony (Note: Schedule O will, presumably, be prepared by the Town Planning and Housing Committee).

(VII) That Government shall as soon as possible put forward proposals for the provision of parks in suitable areas.

The Report concludes with a reference to the valuable services of Mr. W. H. Owen, Secretary to the Committee.

London, To-day.

The Governor-General of India, Lord Linlithgow, left London yesterday on his return to India after four months' leave. He was seen off by the Marquis of Zetland, Secretary for India, and by Lord Halifax, a former Viceroy.—British Wireless.

## 3,000,000 CAR OWNERS IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

A return issued by the Ministry of Transport, which appears on the eve of the opening of the Motor Show at Earls' Court, shows that the total number of private motor vehicles licensed has passed the 3,000,000 mark.

Speaking last night at the annual dinner of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Minister of Transport described progress since the Ministry became the highway authority for 4,500 miles of trunk roads.

He said, that a survey of the whole length of thirty trunk roads had been completed and a long-term policy drawn up for each road. Where realignment or safeguards against unsuitable development are necessary, an Order under the Trunk Roads Act is required.

While in the year ending last March, 76 such orders were issued, in the first six months of the current year 108 more had been issued. 82 out of a total of 184 orders were now sealed and the necessary protection of powers obtained.

At time of transfer, County Councils had in preparation schemes estimated to cost £4,500,000, and in its first year the Ministry added schemes costing another £4,500,000. Estimates for the present year amounted to £10,000,000.

### LIBERTIES OF THE SUBJECT

Dr. Leslie Burgin spoke of the complications involved in the acquisition of land for road schemes. In some countries the State could take possession of anyone's land at once for public works. Arguments on compensation or objections were dealt with afterwards, sometimes summarily. But in Britain the liberties of the subject were still safeguarded jealously by Parliament—even against the Ministry of Transport. As a result, the Ministry had often to negotiate with as many as 150 separate interests per mile of new road.

A year ago it was in process of acquiring 3,000 interests, and the figure had now risen to 12,000, while in the meantime nearly 1,000 acquisitions had been completed.

The Minister reminded his audience that apart from sums spent on road improvements, the maintenance bill for the roads of the country reached £32,000,000 per annum.—British Wireless.

### LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19-3/4 and forward at 19-9/16.

The London on New York rate quoted at £—U.S.\$474.50 owing to a holiday there was no quotation on the New York/London rate.

### SCORELESS WONDERS BEAT STRAWBERRY HILL

In a first round match of the Ewo Indoor Bowling League played at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys on Tuesday, the Scoreless Wonders defeated Strawberry Hill by 552 points.

## BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR NEGOTIATIONS

Komorn, To-day.

The Hungarian-Czechoslovak negotiations going on here were resumed yesterday at midday, the session terminating at 14.30 o'clock.

The Minister for Carpatho-Ukrainian affairs in the Prague Cabinet, M. L. Bacinsky, arrived in Czech Komorn yesterday and declared that the Carpatho-Ukrainians had already exercised the right of self-determination and decided to remain within the State of Czechoslovakia.

In the course of the Hungarian-Czechoslovak conference yesterday this decision of the Carpatho-Ukrainians was communicated to the Hungarian delegation. It is stated both by the Hungarian and by the Czechoslovak delegates that the two and a half hour session yesterday proceeded with far less tension than that, for example, on Tuesday.

The Czechoslovak delegation after conversations with Prague yesterday night submitted counter-proposals to a part of the proposals made by Hungary. These Czech counter-proposals were the subject of negotiations.

On both sides of the conference tables yesterday, the delegates were optimistic and believed that the critical position that developed on Tuesday night has been successfully handled and that now the further course of developments would be satisfactory. In well-informed circles it is intimated that the deliberations on individual questions will last another two days so that the close of the negotiations is not to be expected before to-morrow night.—Trans-Ocean.

## FINNISH GENERAL

Helsingfors, To-day.

The retired Finnish General Bruno Jalander left the Finnish capital yesterday for Perpignan where he is expected to arrive to-morrow to take over the direction of the international committee for sending home of the Spanish volunteers.

## LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

### BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1455 s.

### SHIPPING

Union Waterboats \$9 b.

### MINING

Antamoks Ps. .36 sa.  
Atoks Ps. .33 sa.  
Benguet Consol. Ps. 11.60 sa.  
Coco Grove Ps. 43½ sa.  
Consolidated Mines Ps. .0085 sa.  
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .12 sa.  
San Mauricio Ps. .78 sa.  
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 18½ sa.  
United Paracales Ps. 36½ sa.

### LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.00 v.  
H. K. Lands \$39½ s.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES

Peak Trams (Old) \$8½ b.  
H. K. Electric \$39½/9 sa.  
Sandakan Lights \$10 b.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Maramba Inv. (Old) s/- 14½ sa.







# DRAFT ESTIMATES

## Financial Secretary's Speech In Legislative Council

Reference to expenditure of an emergency nature, and to a probable deficit of nearly \$3,000,000, was made by the Financial Secretary, Mr. S. Caine, in introducing the Draft Estimates in Legislative Council to-day.

Mr. Caine said, in part:—

Looking at the figures of revenue and expenditure, they show a small anticipated surplus for the current accounting adjustments. That surplus is, however, illusory because at year, before allowing for certain end of the year we shall be owing nearly a million dollars of military contribution which must be paid next year. Revenue is still coming in well but money is going out even faster than early in the year. We are having to incur a great deal of expenditure of an emergency nature and the true outcome of the year is likely to be a small deficit rather than a small surplus. The short payment of military contribution ought to be kept very prominently in mind by all those who are inclined to take a rosy view because of the large nominal surplus shown in our monthly accounts.

### DEFICIT

As to next year, the Estimates show a probable deficit of \$2,400,000 which will reduce our available surplus to \$11,000,000 but if the various items of additional expenditure which Your Excellency has foreshadowed are included, the deficit will be over \$2,800,000.

I imagine, however, that what must strike anybody examining the figures of both revenue and expenditure most strongly is their magnitude. They are substantially higher than in any previous year and the question must arise whether that is a temporary phenomenon or whether these figures are likely to be continued in future years. It is with that question in mind that I propose to discuss the position.

The increase on the revenue side, which is spread over nearly all the main heads, is due primarily to the larger population of the Colony. So far as one can distinguish between the two it is the magnitude of the population rather than the extent and profitability of business activity which most influences our revenue.

### HOSTILITIES

Assuming therefore that population is the major factor in our revenue it would seem that we are very largely dependant on the course of events in China, to the disturbances in which the recent increase in population here is due. It must be the wish of everybody that a satisfactory end should be brought to the Sino-Japanese hostilities and once that end is reached I think it must be expected there will be some decline in the population and therefore in the revenue of this Colony. We hope of course that when peace is restored normal trade will again recover and that some of the manufacturing developments which have taken place in the Colony of recent months will not be merely temporary; but it would

hardly be safe to assume that we can continue to receive from the existing sources of taxation so large a revenue as is expected for the current year or even so much as the lesser sum estimated for next year.

When we turn, however, to expenditure I fear that there is less prospect of reduction in future years. The main increases are shown under pensions; defence, including military contribution; police; medical; charitable services; and public works. I ignore the increases under Post Office and Railway which are higher running costs likely to be offset by higher receipts.

### SOME REDUCTION

The only head under which we can reasonably expect any substantial reduction after 1939 is that of military contribution and that because, as already explained, we are providing in 1939 for a large payment on account of 1938.

Under other heads of expenditure I fear that far from expecting reductions we must prepare for further increases. There will for example be an automatic and unavoidable increase under the head "Pensions." The figures given in the memorandum circulated with the estimates show an increase of some 30 per cent. between 1936 and 1938. Comparisons before that year are vitiated by exchange fluctuations but taking sterling payments alone the pensions bill has more than doubled since 1930. There is no sign that the increase is yet coming to an end. It must be remembered that the pension bill is in the main governed by the establishment and the salary scales in existence ten or twenty years ago and little can be done to reduce it immediately unless Government is to default on its obligations. Some attempt has been made to stem the tide of increase in the more distant future by the recent adoption in all the senior grades of the service of new scales of salary which provide lower pensionable emoluments.

### PUBLIC DEBT

Another head which may be expected in a few years to show an automatic increase is that of public debt charges. We have been charging to loan account considerable capital expenditure on waterworks and other items but much of the actual money has so far been found from advances made out of our surplus balances. That cannot go on for ever and some day a loan must be raised to repay these advances. The amount advanced at the end of the current year is expected to be something over \$12,000,000 and debt charges on that, at the same rate as are now being paid on the part of the loan already raised would amount to about \$900,000 a year.

Next there are a number of heads of expenditure in which increases are not automatic in the sense of arising out of legal commitments but are unavoidable unless substantial changes in government policy are made. These are defence services and the large group of social services, particularly health and education.

Under the head of defence in the estimates very much the largest item is the defence contribution. Apart from the possible change in the whole system, that expenditure is not within our control. Other defence expenditure is legally at least within the discretion but for all practical purposes we are compelled to an increase in it by forces beyond control of this Colony. Our expenditure is truly for defence purposes and is designed solely to help in meeting any possible attack, but it is rendered imperative by the fear of war which, ghastly as it seems to all intelligent people, overhangs and darkens the world to-day. The comparatively small heads of the Volunteer Defence Corps and the Naval Volunteer Force are increasing in cost as a result. Those increases must continue so long as the dictates of policy require increases in the numbers of those forces and the supply to them of more and more expensive equipment in order to keep pace with modern military requirements.

### A. R. P.

The principal increase in defence expenditure for which we must allow is, however, in the sphere of air raid precautions. In the 1938 estimates a figure of \$50,000 was inserted, admittedly as a token vote. I regret to say that it has been necessary to exceed that figure very substantially and a supplementary vote will in supplementary course be placed before Council for approval. The additional expenditure was decided upon after the printed Estimates before you were prepared and instead of the figure appearing in them the revised estimate for 1939 must now be put at \$120,000. In 1938 the head shows a further large expansion to a total of \$338,065. Even that, however, is providing for a first instalment only of what the Air Raid Precautions Officer considers necessary for the protection of the civil population against air attack. I may say that his original estimates provided for expenditure next year of many times the sum now in the estimates and there can be no doubt that large further additions to equipment and stores will be necessary in subsequent years. Decisions have not yet been taken as to the exact supplies of, for example, gas masks which should be provided and most of this Head is contained in the single sub-head of \$250,000 for all kinds of equipment under the title of Mobilization Stores, which may well have to be substantially supplemented even during 1939. In addition to the expenditure shown under the Air Raid Precaution Head, provision is being made under Public Works Extraordinary for the erection of certain stores and other buildings in connection with air raid precaution work at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Here again it may be necessary to come to Council later for approval of supplementary votes for other special construction work connected with air raid precautions.

### RELIEF

To some extent connected with improvement of health are certain items of expenditure on the relief and assistance to various classes of the community. The problem we have most prominently before us at the moment is that of the unfortunate persons who are destitute on the streets as a result of the incursion of refugees from South China. A sum of \$150,000 has been provided under Charitable Service for the relief of such destitutes but if the camps which are now being erected have to be maintained in full operation for the whole of next year I fear that the expenditure will substantially exceed that amount. Moreover the possibility must be faced that many of these people who have become the responsibility of the Colony as a result of the disturbances in South China will remain a responsibility for years to come. Of recent years the expenditure of the Colony has been in the neighbourhood of \$80,000,000 with a tendency to rise. Next year we are contemplating an expenditure of nearly \$80,000,000. If the policies I have referred to are to be maintained, my successor of a few years hence may be presenting a Budget of \$40,000,000.

### NOT GLOOMY

In suggesting that, I am deliberately trying to correct the impression of a rosy financial outlook which our soaring revenues may have given, but I am not by any means painting too gloomy

## COLONY'S FINANCIAL POSITION

The estimated financial position of the Colony for 1939 was laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon and shows the estimated revenue, to stand at \$36,097,325 while the estimated expenditure for the year should be \$38,502,760, thus leaving an estimated deficit of \$2,405,435.

Recurrent expenses take up over \$35,000,000 while provision of Public Works Extraordinary amounts to \$2,333,235.

The estimated General Revenue Balance at December 31, 1939 should be \$11,121,488.

## A NEW GAME FROM HOLLYWOOD

Southampton.

The French liner Normandie brought several Hollywood notabilities to England recently.

Mr. George Sanders, 6ft. 3in. English actor who made a Hollywood hit in "Lancer Spy," returned bringing a new game. It is called "Indications."

Indications depends on the art of conveying a phrase entirely with the hands, without making any sound, writes an "Evening Standard" reporter.

"I'll give you an easy one," he said. He held up three fingers. That meant that the phrase contained three words.

He went through the motion of knocking on a door.

"Knock," I said. He shook his head and beckoned to me with both hands. That meant I was near, but not quite there.

I thought again, "Rap," I said.

He shot out his hand, pointed to me to indicate that I hit the right word.

I got the next. It was "So," indicated by the motion of stitching a button on to his sleeve.

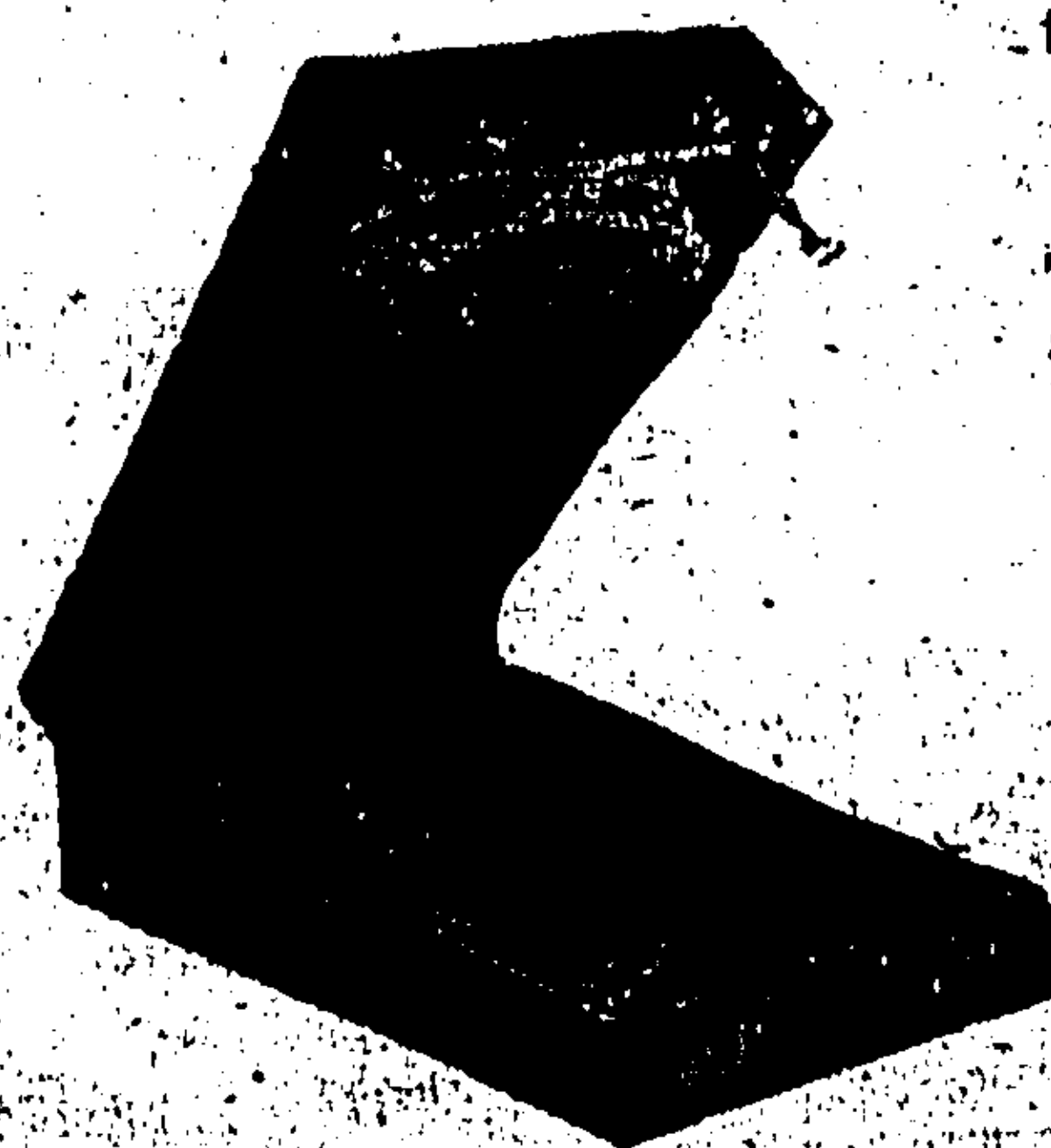
The third syllable was indicated by the act of plunging a dagger in his bosom.

"Die," seemed indicated—making "rhapsody." The congratulatory finger pointed again.

a picture. We are fortunate in being for the moment free of anxiety for the immediate future—in the financial sense, I mean—and the passing for the time being of acute financial stringency has enabled us to open the purse-strings a little more freely and to permit certain necessary, often very acutely necessary, expansions and developments, without reducing our estimated surplus balances at the end of 1939 below the \$10,000,000 mark, which has been regarded up to now as the minimum reserve. But as Your Excellency has suggested, that is not a large reserve. With a \$40,000,000 budget in prospect it is no more than three months revenue and it would undoubtedly be well to increase it, especially in view of the many uncertainties which still surround the Colony's future.

If this view of the outlook is correct, therefore, the problem is of finding means to meet the prospective increased expenditure. The alternative is to abandon or modify the policies which give rise to it. I believe that in every instance I have referred to it will be money well spent and money which this Colony as a community can afford to spend; but Government must consider how it can itself secure the necessary funds and this, I would urge, is the time to consider that question, not some years hence when we shall be already committed and faced perhaps with already depleted cash balances.

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# Lawn Bowls Pen Sketches

## FIRST INTERPORT MATCH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY

THE stage is all set for the Interport Lawn Bowls contest between the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association and the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association.

THE FIRST MATCH OF THE SERIES WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY WHILE THE FIRST MATCH THE NORTHERN TEAM WILL PARTICIPATE IN WILL BE AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB, ON SATURDAY, AT THE VALLEY.

Below will be found pen-sketches of the Shanghai and Hong Kong Interport Lawn Bowls teams:—

### INTERPORT FIXTURES

The following is the programme for the visitors from which they will be seen that they will be engaged every day during their stay here.

All matches commence at 3 p.m.

Saturday, 15th October—v Craigen-gower Cricket Club.

Sunday, 16th October—v Hong Kong (1st Interport match) at Kowloon Dock R.C.

Monday, 17th October—v Kowloon Football Club.

Tuesday, 18th October—v Police Recreation Club.

Wednesday, 19th October—v Hong Kong (2nd Interport match) at Civil Service C.C.

Thursday, 20th October—v Kowloon Cricket Club.

Friday, 21st October—v Indian Recreation Club.

Saturday, 22nd October—v Hong Kong (3rd Interport match) at Club de Recreio.

Interport Dinner at Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

Sunday, 23rd October—v Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Monday, 24th October—v Hong Kong Football Club.

Tuesday, 25th October—v H.E. the Governor's team at Government House, three rinks.

Wednesday, 26th October—v Combined Yacht Club and Kowloon Tong rink at Kowloon Tong.

Thursday, 27th October—v Combined Taikoo and Electric rink at Taikoo.

Friday, 28th October—v Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association rink.

H. Wallace (Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club) is a brilliant, all-round bowler, equally at home in any position. He played Interport in Hankow in 1932 and again in 1936, and he skipped this season's winning rink of the Mercury Cup competition and is this season's Shanghai Singles Championship winner. He is Captain and manager of the team.

K. L. Swartzell (Shanghai Junior Golf Club), a bowler of three years standing, has made great strides in the game. Very keen, he can be relied on to play a steady game, and is the first American to be selected to play Interport bowls for Shanghai in Hong Kong. He is a lead or No. 2, although recently he has been playing No. 3 in League games.

A. M. Gutierrez (Clube Lusitano) is a good all-round player in any position and a successful skip for his Club. He has had seven years' bowling experience during which period he has regularly reached the quarter-finals of the Singles, Pairs and Rinks Championships. He played Interport against Hankow in Shanghai in the 1934 series and is the holder of many Club trophies.

W. J. MacDermott (Police Recreation Club) is this year's most successful skip, not having lost a game throughout the whole season. He has many years of experience behind him, but this is his first appearance in the Interport series. He is an excellent skip and a sound No. 3.

A. E. COATES.—Secured his first recognition in 1933, playing lead to R. F. Luz, who beat Charlie Richards' rink by 6 shots. J. M. C. Lopes, who is one of our visitors again this year, took part in the same match. Secured Interport honours again in 1935, playing No. 1, his natural position, to Adam Holland. It was an unhappy game as far as the Hong Kong team was concerned, but not due to the fault of this player. He won the Open Singles in 1936, beating L. A. Gutierrez, a former winner, in the Final.

A. R. DALLAH.—The first Malay to secure Interport recognition for the Colony, and he is worthy of the honour. A deadly driver when skipping an I.R.C. or Malay international rink, he proved that it is not his only shot by playing his way into the Semi-Final of the Open Singles this season.

J. McKELVIE.—Played as No. 2 in the second Interport match against Shanghai at C.S.C.C. in 1935, and did all that was possible to secure victory for the team. Made himself sure of a place this year by his display in the International Shield Final. Secured several Soccer Interport caps and is a useful golfer.

B. W. BRADBURY.—A player who has always caught the eye, and one who achieved the local bowler's ambition by winning the Open Singles this year. A First Division skip for years, he first secured Interport recognition as No. 2 in 1932, being a member of the only Hong Kong team to win in Shanghai. The other members of that team, who were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the H.K.L.B.A. on their return, were U. M. Omar (Skip) J. C. Brown, R. S. Nichol and H. Hampton. Hong Kong then won all three games. A. J. Hall, now in Hong Kong, skipped one of the Shanghai rinks, by the way, losing by a single shot. "Brad" can be relied to pull his weight, and his team know it.

L. P. XAVIER.—One of the five Club de Recreio players to secure Interport honours, his first Interport, but probably the forerunner of many more. Draws steadily to the jack and is not smitten with nerves.

### H.K.L.B.A. PRESIDENT



Mr. A. Hyde Lay, President of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association, represented Hong Kong against Shanghai in 1933 and 1936, and won the Colony Singles Championship in 1933.

## 'History Of Interport Contests

It was in 1917 that the question of an Interport Lawn Bowls contest was first brought up, so that, in all, 15 Interport matches have taken place between Shanghai and Hong Kong. The history of Interport Lawn Bowls, therefore, is not a very long one.

In 1917 the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association sent an invitation to the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association to send a team of bowlers to play in Shanghai.

The invitation had to be declined with much regret. The Great War was still on and it was almost impossible to obtain leave of absence owing to greatly depleted office staffs, added to which there were difficulties in obtaining exemption from military duties. It was therefore not possible to send a team away to Shanghai that year.

Shanghai sent another invitation in 1918, but this also had to be declined officially for various reasons. Unofficially, however, four very keen lawn bowlers in Messrs. C. Bond, W. G. Gerrard, D. Harvey and W. Russell (Skip) made a trip to Shanghai and there they played the first match of the present Interport series for the "Prentice" Cup.

Up to and including 1929, the honours were decided on the result of only one match, but since 1930 the honours rested on the result of three official games. In the single game series the honours are even, each port having secured 6 wins, but Shanghai has won 5 to Hong Kong's 2 in the three games series. The present score is Shanghai 11 wins to Hong Kong's 8.

Owing to the Sino-Japanese conflict the matches in 1937 were postponed much to the regret of all bowlers.

### Hong Kong vs. Hankow.

The Interport series with Hankow began in 1918 when the local team went up to Shanghai. In the first encounter Hankow were beaten by 25-8. Hong Kong also won the successive two matches in 1920 and 1922.

In 1924, however, Hankow avenged their defeat when the Hong Kong team was disposed off by the large margin of 31-9, and in 1934 Hankow lost again, but only after playing an extra end. The score was 21-19.

H. A. ALVES.—Made his name in the last series in Hong Kong, when, having been brought in as reserve at the last minute, he turned out to be U. M. Omar's best support. Went to Shanghai with the last team, in 1936, and had the honour of skipping the only rink which won. Steadiness personified.

E. C. FINCHER.—One of the most successful skips of the year, he well deserves his first Interport honour. Plays a fine drawing game, but is not averse to putting a pound on if required, although that department will no doubt be well looked after by his skip. Has played often in Interport tennis and cricket encounters and plays golf quite well.

J. HOLLIDGE.—Another new cap. Has been playing a useful game for some years past. Though probably worth a place, he is

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# FRENCH HORSE WINS THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE

London, To-day.  
The French horse Helleniqua, ridden by the French jockey, Gumard, and starting at 50 to 1, to-day won the Cambridgeshire. The race resulted:

Helleniqua (Gumard) .....	1
Khas Nadar (Elliott) .....	2
Domaha (G. Richards) .....	3

Betting: 50 Helleniqua, 8 Khas Nadar, 100-9 Domaha.

Won by a head with a head between second and third.

Other starters:  
Thankerton (Ferryman), Golden Sovereign (Jones), Le Ksar (Semblat),



Lylon II (Harry Wragg), Sir Tam Carlisle (Beary), Edgehill (Nevitt), Magnet (Ovans), The Weed (P. Gomez), Carlisle (Weston), Couvert (Gardner), Artists Prince (Maher), Lady of Shalott (Sibbritt), Sea Bequest (Wells), Bland Star (Sprague), Agincourt (E. Smith), Bistolff (Sam Wragg), Moody (Cliff Richards), Gainly (D. Smith), Zaimis (Sirett), Desiderio (Tucker), Hazel (Richardson), Intolerance (Griggs), Clos Du Roi (Mullins), Quartier Maitre (Bertiglia).—Reuter.

# JIMMY ADAMICK UNCONSCIOUS 11 HOURS AFTER BEING KNOCKED OUT

(By AIR MAIL)

Detroit, September 29.

After being knocked out by Roscoe Toles, a Detroit negro, Jimmy Adamick, the Michigan "white hope" and knockout specialist, who was reported to have been matched with Tommy Farr for a contest on November 4, was in hospital in an unconscious condition for over eleven hours. He has now regained consciousness.

# CLUB BEAT ROYAL SCOTS AT HOCKEY

In a friendly game of hockey at the Club ground, King's Park, yesterday, the Hong Kong Hockey Club beat the Royal Scots by 3-0.

Play was even at the start but the consistency and co-operation of the Club attackers finally enabled V. Bond to score the first goal. G. E. R. Divett netted the remaining two goals during the second period of the game.

It is feared that Adamick, who has lost only two fights since he took up boxing seriously in 1935, will not be able to box again.



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## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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In the light of the past experience of other countries. This appendix is stated in the report to be "only one of a series of memoranda" which Mr. W. H. Owen, the secretary of the Commission, compiled for the consideration of members. I endorse very strongly the high commendation which the Commission gave to Mr. Owen's valuable services to them.

The report brings out the essential interdependence between slum clearance, hygienic housing of the poorer classes and town planning and, wisely, it makes no pretence of being final: its main recommendations, briefly summarised, are

- (1) That surveys of many different kinds should be put in hand at once, in order to establish the facts of the case;
- (2) that competent authorities be set up for that purpose;
- (3) that expert advice be sought when these preliminary investigations have been made, before remedial expenditure is begun on a large scale.

There are several other suggestions of less, but far from insignificant, importance, some of which, at any rate, could be put into effect in the near future.

The paragraph which deals with the requisite surveys is so cogent and comprehensive that I quote it here:—

"Before the actual clearance of slums can be undertaken, it will be necessary to prepare a survey of local industry and housing, each in relation to the other; to prepare a survey of existing buildings, particularly houses, in order to find the number and situation of those which do not conform to acceptable standards; to prepare a key plan as a guide to redevelopment as opportunity occurs; to survey sites and prepare plans for possible new developments; and to prepare legislation and devise machinery necessary to give effect to town planning and housing schemes. This preparatory work and eventual constructional work will take many years and some form of permanent authority will be necessary to organize, carry out and control such an undertaking."

To cope with these surveys and the measures to be taken in the light of the information derived from them the Commission's counsel is that a consultative committee be appointed to advise Government on town planning and housing matters and that a permanent sub-department of the Public Works Department be appointed to carry out the actual surveys.

I have not yet had time to obtain the advice of the Executive Council on this very important matter: the views which I now express, therefore, must be looked upon as my own. Personally I am of the opinion that it would be better to set up at once a Town Planning Authority, containing technically equipped members, whose functions would be to make these investigations and, subsequently, to submit for Government's consideration programmes of town planning, slum clearance and housing, which, when approved, the Authority would carry out. In order to ensure liaison between the Urban Council and the Town Planning Authority I consider that the Chairman of the Urban Council should preside over the Authority. I hope that voluntary helpers will be forthcoming for the conduct of the social surveys which are necessary for this purpose: these will provide a field where University students would find plenty of scope and I trust that it will appeal especially to them.

A fundamental issue is raised by the Commission's observation that there is no escape from the social evils resulting from excessive population—excessive, that is, relatively to the number of people who could subsist themselves properly upon the wage-fund available in Hong Kong—"so long as an enormous reservoir of population exists at our door, unless it is a remedy which presents very serious difficulties, namely restriction of immigration." Such a policy of restriction would, I agree, be a momentous innovation, as far as Hong Kong's history goes, though it is commonplace in other parts of the world: nevertheless I hold that it is our duty to face facts and to do right accordingly.

How the reform of housing and town planning is to be achieved is a matter



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which can safely be left to the future. It is quite obvious that such schemes as may be approved after the facts have been ascertained can only be put into execution on a plan which will extend over a long period of years; it is also apparent that it will be costly though not necessarily non-remunerative in the long run: further consideration at the present time of how the initial costs are to be covered would be futile.

My recommendations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be on these lines, unless in the meantime I am persuaded to the contrary. The whole subject is of first rate importance and I do not wish to stampede public opinion upon it. I shall, therefore, not submit any such recommendations until the members of the Council have had time to form and express their own views. On the other hand, the matter is not one which permits of indefinite postponement: I hope, therefore, that critics of the report and my expressed intentions will deliver themselves with no long delay.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Honourable Members will see considerable increases in the estimates under the Head, Defence. I do not think that these will be adjudged as premature or exceeding the needs of the case. In passing I make mention with pleasure of the greater part to be played in the Defence Corps by Chinese.

It is a matter of regret to me that I am unable to provide for the new headquarters for the Volunteer Defence Corps, but their eventual siting depends upon the settlement of one or two wider questions which I hope can be brought to an issue of much advantage to the Colony. I have already mentioned that consideration is being given to the provision of a tug which would serve as a training-vessel for the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force. The big demands of the Air Raid Precautions Office must not, I fear, be regarded in any way as final; nor should it be assumed that they represent all that will be required even for the forthcoming year: as will be observed the greater part of the estimate is for "Mobilization Stores" at the round figure of a quarter of a million dollars.

### NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Very full information on the Government's proposals for Public Works extraordinary expenditure has been placed in the hands of members this morning. As the Honourable the Financial Secretary points out in his memorandum, next year's list contains a number of major works, to be financed from revenue, which form part of a five-year development programme and includes a new Government House. I invite the attention of Honourable Members to a sessional paper laid this morning, which makes public full details of that programme.

I also wish to bring to their notice item (k) in the Waterworks Schedule of New Loan Works which is to be found in Appendix VI (c). The intention is to begin next year investigative work in the Tai Lam Chung Valley, where another large storage reservoir is planned. This year's experience has shown how necessary it is, in order to keep pace with the constant increase of consumption, to add to our reserve supplies. It may be expected, therefore, if the investigations go well, that the 1940 estimates will contain provision for the commencement of large new works there. Meanwhile the completion of the catchwaters to supplement the supply running into the Shing Mun reservoir will be pressed on.

### CELTIC BEAT QUEEN O'SOUTH

In the First Division of the Scottish League, Celtic beat Queen O'South by five goals to one in their postponed game. Reuter.

## Lawn Bowls Pen Sketches

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considered by most critics to be fortunate to secure such an exalted position as skip.

J. A. DA LUZ.—First choice of the leads by many votes, I imagine. Unorthodox in style, though not unlike his brother, but gets there just the same. As runner-up in the Open Singles this year he probably commanded a place, but he would have got one even if he had been eliminated in the first round. Favourite hobby—bowls!

F. X. M. DA SILVA.—The last of the new Interporters. As the season's most successful skip he commanded a place. Not a forceful player by nature, he draws a natty shot. Yet to be proved that he has the big match temperament, but he can be relied on to pull his weight. Ardent supporter of Terpisshore!

C. G. SILVA.—No relation to the above. A good all-round player who has every shot in his bag. An expert at driving but resents the insinuation that he ever gets a wick! No, he went for it that way! Went to Shanghai in 1930, but was not on the winning side. He was in the same position when playing No. 3 to R. F. Luz in Hong Kong five years later. Has the unique distinction of not having missed a League match since he took up the game 11 years ago. Great work, Carlos, let 'em have it!

U. M. OMAR.—A host unto himself. The most consistent bowler the Colony has ever seen. Nine times honoured, and worth every one of them! Started collecting honours in 1923. Also cricket Interporter the same season. At bowls he is considered the sheet anchor of any team, and no one is more worthy of the title "The match-winner."

### Reserve Rink.

J. WATSON.—Scotland's lead this year and expected by many to secure his place: draws well on both hands and throws the jack with skill and good tactical sense.

E. W. LINES.—Another player who seemed assured of a place but just missed the honour. A former crown green player who took to the flat green game readily. He is leaving the Colony shortly, on promotion.

R. G. CRAIG.—A player who is bound to have honours later on if he can spare the time to play regularly. Played brilliantly throughout the Open Pairs, finishing runner-up with J. S. Howell as his partner.

R. F. LUZ.—An old favourite who couldn't quite make the grade. Played in Shanghai in 1930, skipping all three rinks, but winning only one. Honoured again in 1931, 1933 and 1935, on the last occasion playing the game of his life yet losing by 17 shots to Claud Glover.

## 250,000 CZECHS IN SUDETENLAND

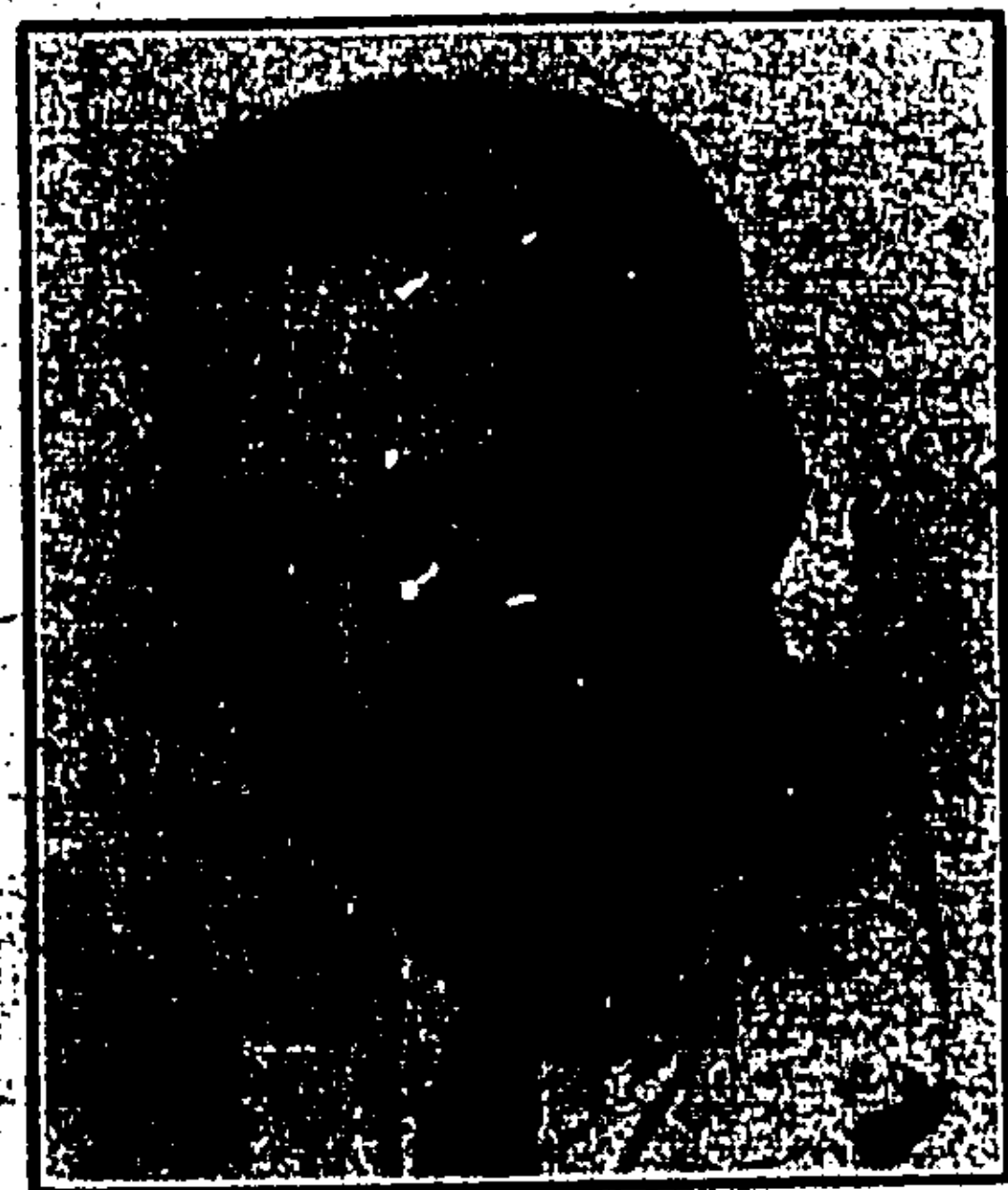
Berlin, To-day.

The total number of Czechs living in the Sudeten German region which has been ceded to Germany is given as 250,000, that is 8% of the total population, stated the "Berliner Tageblatt."

The paper emphatically rejects the assertion of certain British newspapers, the estimates of which are obviously based on information from Czech quarters, that no fewer than 850,000 Czechs are living within the regions ceded to Germany.

The paper speaks of a "game with figures" and declares:

"The existence of half a million Czechs is invented in the London editorial offices for only too obvious motives. The fact that 700,000 Germans are still living in the remaining regions of Czecho-Slo-



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vakia fails to excite the London papers on the other hand."

The "Berliner Lokal Anzeiger" says: "The German army occupied only what had been demarcated by the international commission in accordance with the ethnographic situation. The figures given by the Czechs are based on the 1930 census, the correctness of which was contested and refuted again and again by all national minority groups in Czechoslovakia and even by the Czech statisticians themselves. No means remained untried to turn the people who could not defend themselves into Czechs since for instance those who had learnt the Czech language or who held some official post were simply claimed as Czechs by the Prague statisticians."—Trans-Ocean.



## After The Tempest And Other London Relays

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

"Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutsam)....The New Mayfair Orchestra.

"Maritana"—Vocal Gems (W. V. Wallace)....Clara Serena, Doris Vane, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble & Chorus with Orchestra.

"Countess Maritza"—Selection (Kallman)....Grand Symphony Orchestra with Iris Wald (Soprano) and Hans Glemens (Tenor) sung in German.

"Monsieur Beaucaire"—Vocal Gems (Messager)....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Quentin M. Maclean (Organ) and Vivian Ellis (Piano).  
Parade of Parades—Selection. Intro: Parade of the Tin Soldiers; The Mosquitoes Parade; My Love Parade; Match Parade; Parade of the Sunbeams; Easter Parade.....

Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema.  
"Going Places"—Piano Medley (Vivian Ellis)....Vivian Ellis.  
Night Must Fall (film "The Tenth Man")....Free (from "O-Kay For Sound")....Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema.

"On The Avenue"—Piano Medley (Berlin).....Vivian Ellis.

# To-day's Wireless

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Cinema Memories. Intro: Theme Songs from: Orphans of the Storm; Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse; Way Down East; Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall; La Rosita; Orphans of the Storm...Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Eric Coates—"Three Men" Suite and other compositions.  
"The Three Men" Suite: 1. The Man from the Country; 2. The Man about Town; 3. The Man from the Sea.

Valsette From "Wood Hymns"....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.

I Heard You Singing....Alfred Piccaver (Tenor) with Piano.

Saxo-Rhapsody....Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.

For Your Delight (Serenade)....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—The Children's Hour.  
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Choir and Organ of the Temple Church.

O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth (Mendelssohn)....Organist and Director of Choir G. Thalben Ball.

I Waited For The Lord (Mendelssohn)....Choir with Organ and Masters E. Lough and R. Mallett (Soloists).

The Heavens Are Telling ("The Creation"—Haydn).

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place ("Requiem"—Brahms)....Choir and Organ.

7.24 p.m.—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Coronation Processional Music (Selected from the Music in the Royal Procession, Coronation Day, May 12, 1937).

The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony....with words of command.

7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Three Dances (Cyril Scott)  
1. Gavotte  
2. Eastern Dance  
3. English Dance

2. Record: A Summer Night (Marzials & Goring Thomas)....Doris Vane (Soprano) with Piano and Cello Obligato.

3. Una Notte sul Volga (Russo).

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

4. Blumen Serenade (Leonardi).

5. Smoky Clouds (Ranzato).

6. "Die Csardasfurstin" (Kalman)—Selection.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"At The Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9 p.m.—Cortot at the Piano.  
Ballade No. 2 In F Major, Op. 38 (Chopin).

## Z.B.W. Orchestra Dance Music: Children's Hour

Ballade No. 3 In A Flat Major, Op. 47 (Chopin).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

The Maidens Of Cadiz (Delibes).  
Serenade (Moszkowsky)....Orchestra con. by Bruno Seidler-Winkler.

10 p.m.—London Relay—"After The Tempest". A fantastic comedy by Geoffrey Trease. Characters: Lady Marten; Major Tony Manners; The Hon. Freddie Fitzrain; Prudence Marten; Nova. On a Pacific island, some twenty years in the future, stands the hut shared by the two women of a small party of castaways, Lady Marten and her daughter Prudence. Production by Howard Rose.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-step—I Wasn't Lying When I Said 'I Love You'; Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In The Moon....Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—A Fine Romance (from "Swing Time"); The Way You Look To-night (from "Swing Time")....Ambrose & His Orchestra with vocal chorus.

Six-Eight—Andalusia; Comedy Waltz—I'm Popeye, The Sailorman (from "Popeye, the Sailor")....Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band with vocal chorus.

Fox-Trot—Love Ain't Nothin' But The Blues....Frankie Trumbauer & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trot—Cherry....The Big Chocolate Dandies with Vocal Refrain.

Waltz—One Kiss In A Million; Fox-Trot—Love, Please Stay....Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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JACK	0

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North, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

♠	K 10 4	♠	7
♥	A J 3	♥	K 10 8
♦	Q 4 2	♦	7 6
♣	A 10 7 6	♣	K J 10
		♣	8 5
		♣	5 2
		♣	A Q J 9 6
		♣	A 7 3
		♣	Q J 9 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	1♠	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass

"I have given the bidding as it actually occurred. I do not attempt to prove of my partner's jump to three spades. My jump to Slam was a stretch, but on the bidding and my holding, I thought it probable that North held a singleton diamond, in which case you can see that, with sufficient honours (Aces),

to justify his opening bid, the Slam was probable.

"West opened the nine of diamonds, and when dummy went down, I was dismayed to find a duplication of length in clubs and diamonds. I had little hope of finding the club King with West, and there appeared to be two diamond losers. But while there is life, there's hope, and after a moment's thought I realised that if I ducked the first trick, there was a chance of developing a simple squeeze against East in diamonds and hearts if East held the King and Queen of hearts and West the King of clubs. I played a low diamond from dummy, East played the eight, and I the seven. West then led the six and I won with the Ace. Four rounds of trumps were drawn, then I led the Queen of clubs, West covering and dummy winning with the Ace. Three more rounds of clubs followed, leaving the lead in my hand. At the eleventh trick I played my last trump and discarded dummy's diamond Queen, retaining the Ace-Jack of hearts.

"At this point East promptly threw his King of diamonds! When I laid down the three of diamonds, East exclaimed: 'Oh, partner, I thought you held that card.' Of course that remark suggests the answer to the defence. If West had held the three of diamonds, he should have discarded it at the first opportunity; and since he did not do so, East should have placed it in my hand. Now if I also held the Queen of hearts, there was no defence—hence, East should have blanked his King of hearts. Do you agree? Absolutely!"

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## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Woman After Woman", with Herbert Marshall, Virginia Bruce and Mary Astor.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Crime School". How to-day's kids become to-morrow's killers! Might well be the title of this trigger action drama built round those six tough youngsters who started one first in "Dead End". Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Billy Halop, Bobby Jordan, Leo Gorcey, Gabriel Dell, Huntz Hall and Bernard Punsley.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Over The Wall". A sensational successor to "Alcatraz Island". The gripping tale of convict life, written by the man who knows most about it—Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing. The cast includes Dick Foran, June Travis, John Littel, Dick Purcell, Veda Ann Borg, George E. Stone and Raymond Hatton.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Devil Doll", with Lionel Barrymore, Maureen O'Sullivan and Frank Lawton. Barrymore portrays a vengeful man who uses a secret method of shrinking people to minute size without destroying life.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Smilin' Thru". Norma Shearer's triumph is welcomed back in response to a large demand on the part of the public, and still remains a rare film treat. Fredric March and Leslie Howard take the other main roles in the picture. The story is based on the famous Jane Cowl stage success. Playing prominent roles are O. P. Heggie, Ralph Forbes, Beryl Mercer, David Torrence, Margaret Seddon and Forrester Harvey.

AT THE STAR—"My Man Godfrey", with William Powell and Carole Lombard. A first class comedy.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N. S. E. W.	about		
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4011.	Between Kowloon Inland Lot No. 382 and Kowloon Inland Lot No. 383, To Kwa Wan Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan	65,130	1,100	2,500

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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			N. S. E. W.	about		
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4043	Junction of Tam Kung Road and Mok Cheung Street, Ma Tau Kok.	As per sale plan	1,200	14	500

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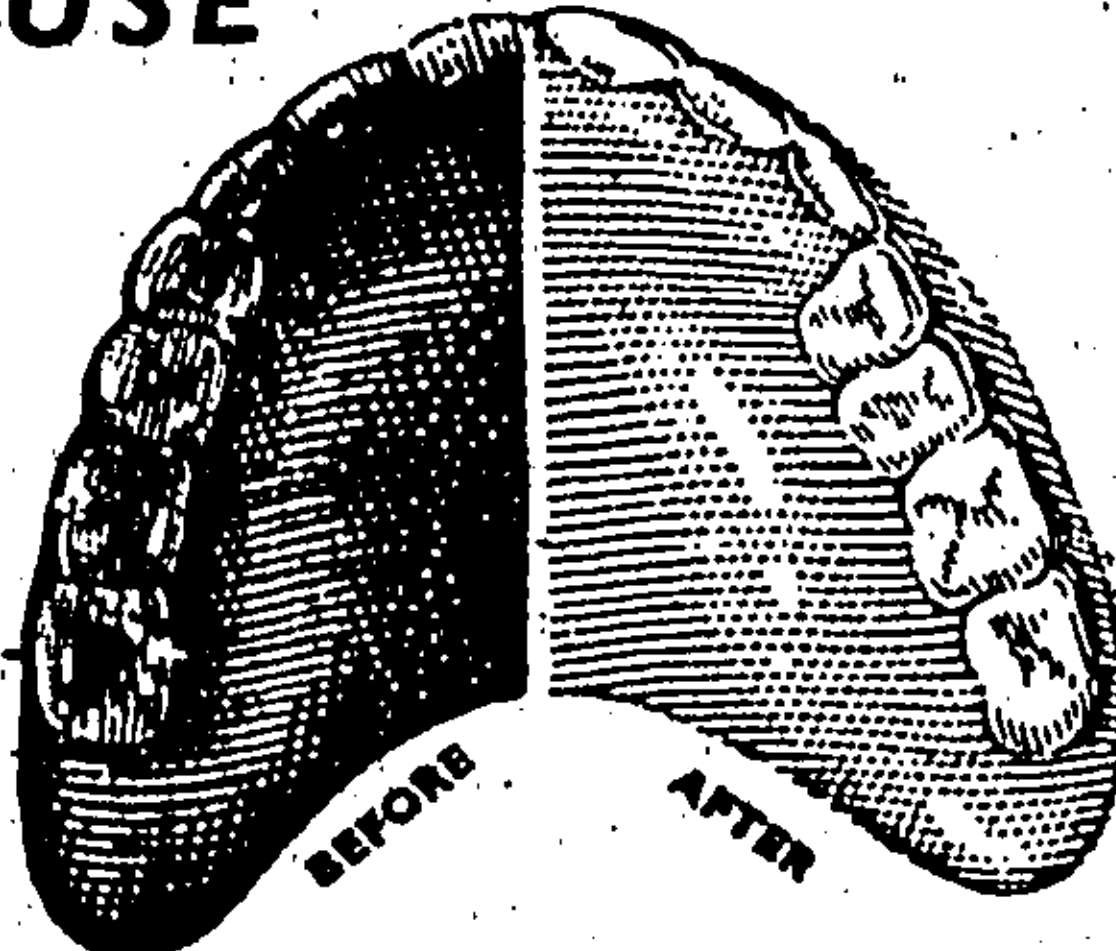
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# Difficulties Of Japanese Advance On Waichow

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MORNING NEWSPAPERS GIVE PROMINENCE TO THE JAPANESE INVASION AT BIAS BAY. THE PROSPECTS OF WHICH ARE CLOSELY CANVASSED IN FAR EASTERN CIRCLES, THOUGH HITHERTO LITTLE COMMENT IS AVAILABLE.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle," after stating that invasion has been so often predicted that the arrival of troops seems to have come as a surprise to the Chinese, points out that the Cantonese are among the best fighters in China.

The correspondent is in doubt as to how much of the Cantonese army and armaments have been sent to the Yangtse front.

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He says that until they reach Waichow, the Japanese will be advancing over difficult territory, which could be held if there were adequate supplies of machine-guns and a few well-trained men to fire them.

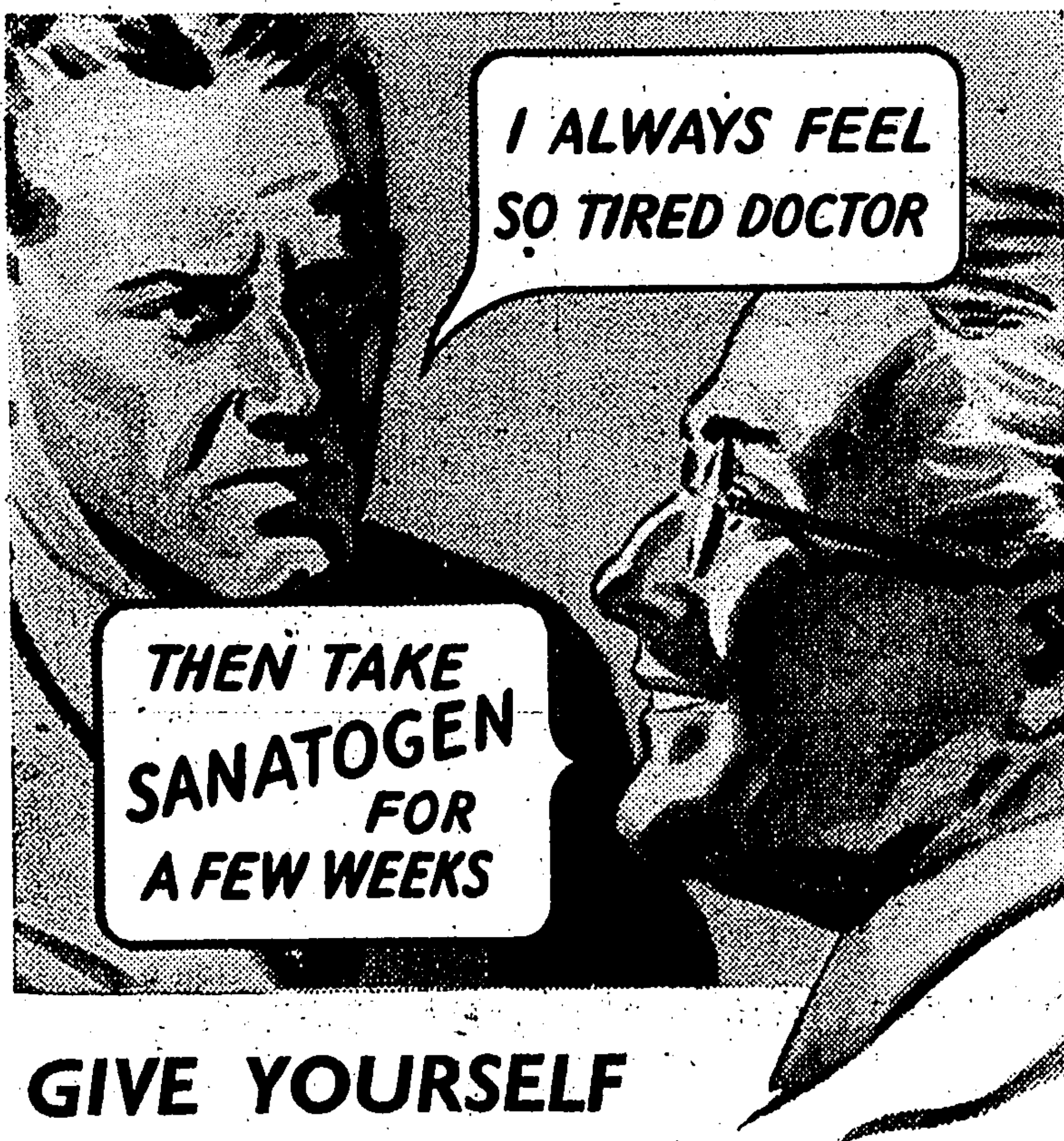
Military experts point out that there are two lines of hills after Bias Bay, and an extensive tangle of rivers and creeks east of Canton.

They recall the estimate of General Chiang Kai-shek's German military advisers that the Japanese would need at least 100,000 men to capture Canton, but in view of the enormous demands of the Hankow defence, it is doubted what first-line troops and equipment are available for the defence of Canton.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

British exports in September were valued at £39,809,000 against £36,331,000 the month before and £44,263,000 a year ago. Imports were \$75,001,000 against \$74,131,000 the previous month and £87,844,000 in September, 1937. For re-exports the respective values at the three dates were £4,038,000, £5,044,000 and \$5,206,000.—British Wireless.



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